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Edward H. Wilson



22 May, 1971.

Dear Friend Crouse:

I wrote to 13 December, 1971, at which time I commented on the last will of Richard Hitchens, in which he referred to Mary, his evidently second wife. I made the comment that she was likely daughter of Barney Wap. Since then I have discovered another item, its source, at present, is unknown to me. It is : Barney Wap had saved his wife's sister from the Indians. She later became wife of Mr. Hitchens. (This must be Richard Hitchens).

Barney Wap, born along the Mohawk River, married Catherine Gates just before the Revolution. on 11 Dec., 1779. He is listed in a Roll of Loyalists at Cataraqui on 4 Dec., 1783, aged 24 years, 6 months. His wife, Catherine, is called aged 22 years, 3 months.

I know nothing about the Gates family, but I suspect that the story outlined above may have some element of truth to it. Both Barney and wife died the same year, and are buried on Akerst Island.

In the Akerst Island Census of 1851 there is a Mary Hitchens, evidently a widow, aged 63. This would make her born in 1788: too young, possibly, to be a sister of Mrs. Catherine Wap.

Not much to go on with, but it is worth remembering.

Regards to the ladies.

sincerely,



Sunday, 13 December, 1970.

Dear Friend Crouse:

Many thanks for your recent letter, with enclosures. I am enclosing check for six dollars to cover my indebtedness. Many thanks for your assistance.

Would you please take a look at the 1851 census of Portland Township for these same families--Lakins, Segriff, Trian & Nugent? These, as I may have told you, are for my sister's children.

I am most thankful to the enclosures from the Montreal Gazette and the Peterborough Book. The several items all add to the knowledge of the Bay of Quinte people.

Your query re sisters of Robert Preston can be answered by giving you a list of children of Isaac Preston, b. 1777, wife, Sarah Porter. They were

Robert James Matthew Alex'r Porter Isaac David W.
b. 1802 b. 1804 b. 1807 b. 1810 b. 1813 b. 1816 b. 1820.

Evidently there were no daughters. These are taken from a list supplied to me by a daughter of David W. Preston, the child who remained on the Island.

This brings up the family of the Hitchens. As you already know, Richard Hitchens was an early, and prominent, settler on Amherst Island. I have his will, dated 12 May, 1843. I believe that you have a copy of it. If not, I could send you a copy. This will names these children:

John	Eliza	Louisa	He makes gifts	He also gives a cow to each of two
	wife of	wife of	to several	girls, namely Eliza & Maria Crouse.
Robert	William		grandchildren	
Preston	Howard			

To his wife, Mary Hitchens he gives 5 pounds in cash & five pounds value of farm produce annually as long as she remains his widow and lives a virtuous and chaste life, but in default of her so living then the said payments are to be stopped. He also adds 'I do hereby declare the above provision to my wife, Mary Hitchens, to be in lieu of all dower thirds or other claim which my wife can or may have. . . . Evidently she was a second wife, and one who might create disturbance in the family. Evidently, if my notes are right, she was a daughter of Barnabas Kemp, born in 1791, and widow of Duncan McDonald. I have not looked into the details of Duncan McDonald. It might produce something of genealogical value. Who the two Crouse girls were I shall never know.

Best of Seasons Greetings to you, Mrs. Crouse and the girls.

Sincerely,

Check sent 30.12.1970



O'Connor Acc. Bk
Jan 14 (1918?)

Arthur W. Hitchins

of Amherst Id.

b. Amherst Id 75 yrs ago (1843?)

m. Bertha Instant- who d. 5 yrs ago-

For a number of years was Pres. of Amherst Id Fire
Ins. Co.

Anglican.

Survived by a son + a dau.

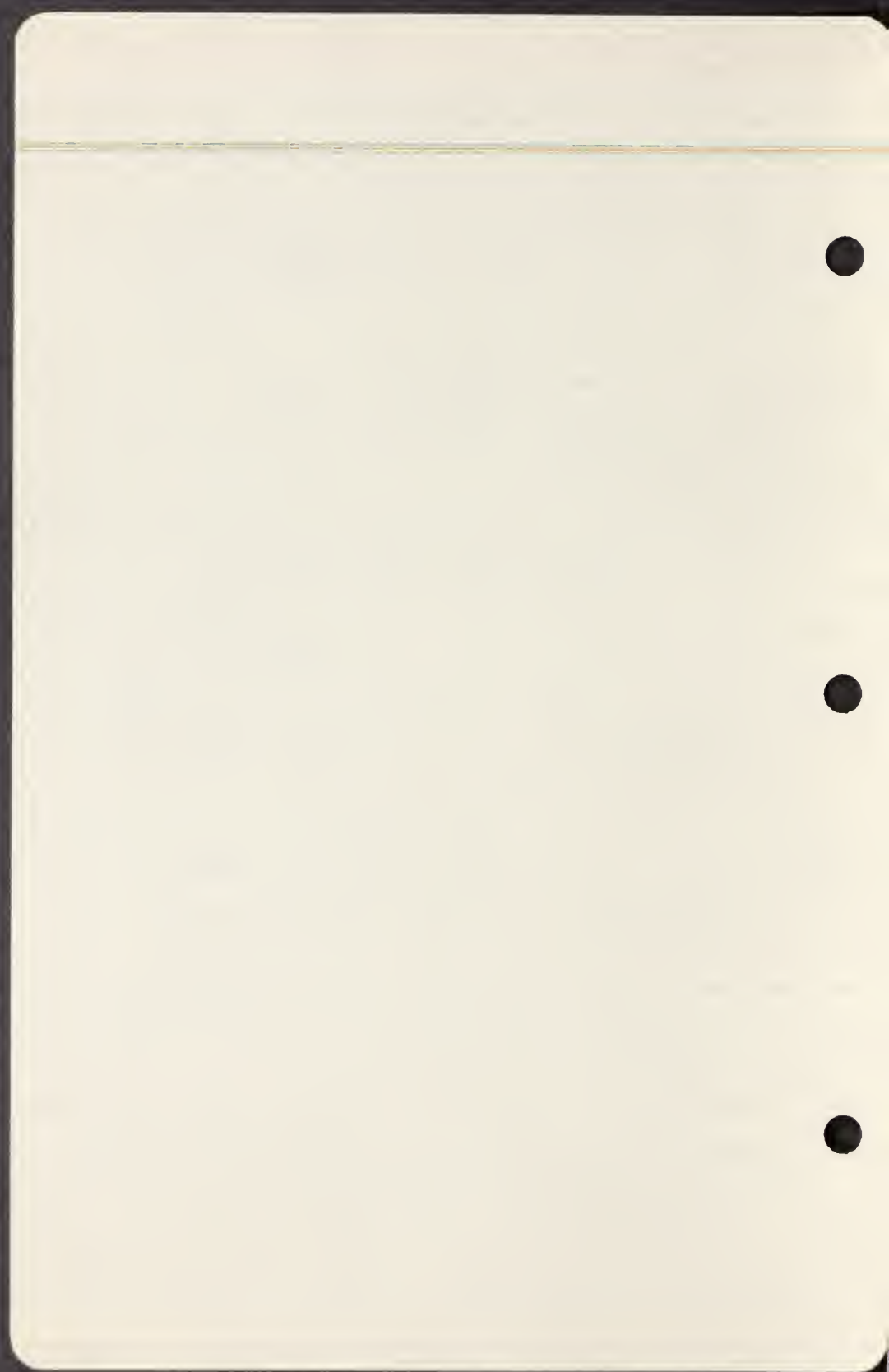
Allan with whom he lived

Mrs. Fred Howard

A brother + a sister

Wm.

Mrs Allan Howard.



Obituary Ser. Bk
Jul 20 (1918?)

Wm Fowler Hitchins

of Emerald

died Jul 20, born Jul 4 at "Shoreham," Emerald,
son of Mr. & Mrs. Allan G. Hitchins

1900. Maud Hitchins, Syracuse, is summing at her mother's.



O'Connor Ben Bk

Mrs Arthur^W Witches

of Emerald

d Apr 1st (1916?)

Survived by husband & two children

Mrs. F. Howard

Allen, on the homestead.

Bro & sister

Mr. N. Instant^{Nelson}

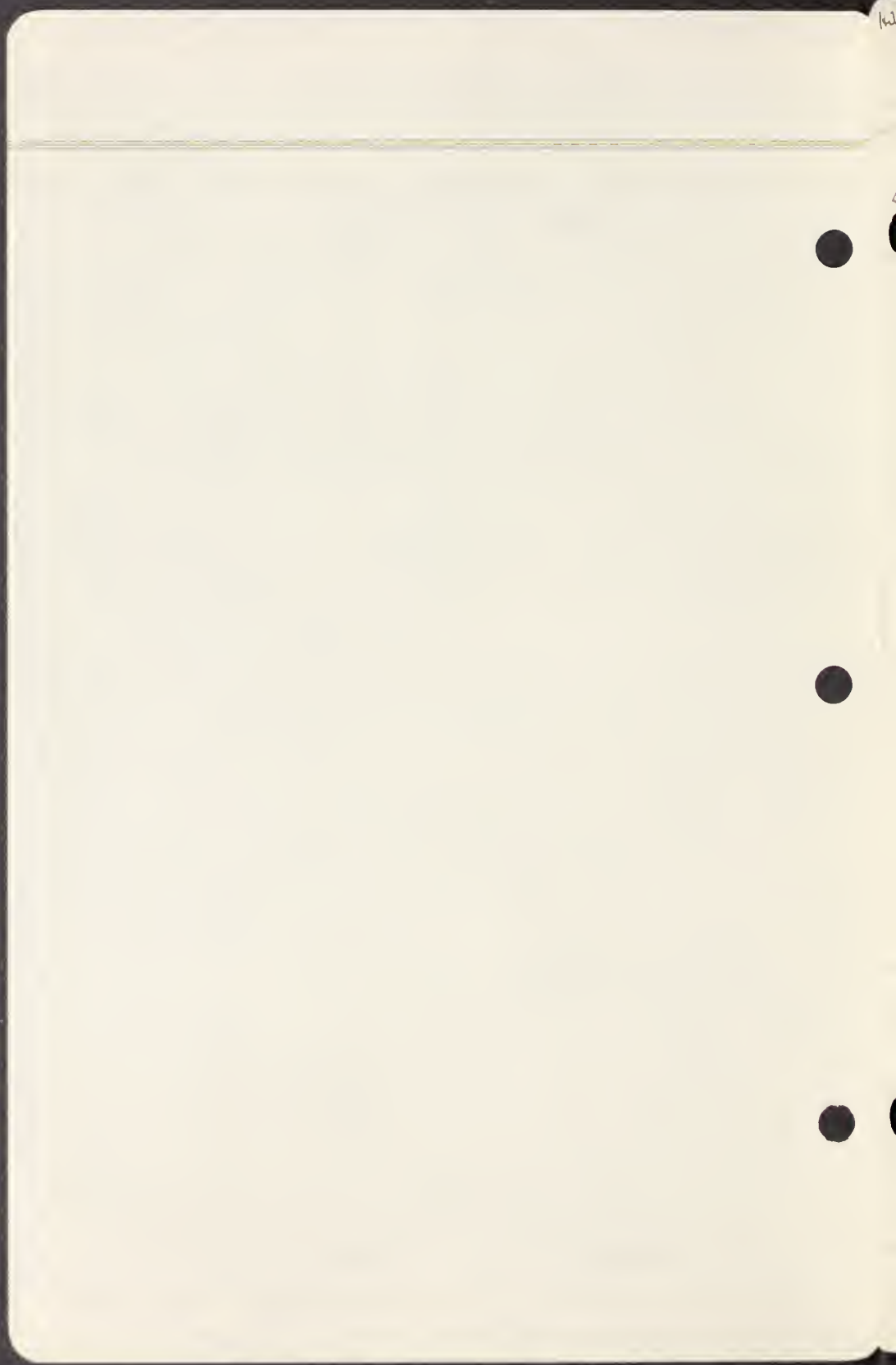
Mrs. W. McQuoid

} of Amherst Id.

Born on Amherst Id. the son of the late Peter Instant, of Emerald.

Buried in Glenwood cemetery.

Anglican



of Amherst Island.

Hitchins - Scott.

^{Lillian} On Wednesday evening, 25th Jan'y., Miss Edith
Scott was united in marriage to Mr. Allen Nelson
Hitchins, at the home of the bride's mother. The cere-
mony was performed by Rev. J. Cumberland, M.A., in
the presence of the immediate relatives of the contract-
ing parties. The bride, who was unattended, wore a
dainty white gown with collarette of lace insertion
& embroidered medallions which was extremely
becoming. She also wore a jewelled brooch, the gift
of the bridegroom. After the ceremony the guests
repaired to the dining room where ample justice
was done to the good things provided. After a
pleasant evening the newly married couple left
for their future home near Emerald, amid the
congratulations & hearty good wishes of all. The
bride was the recipient of many handsome &
useful presents, testifying to the esteem in which
she is justly held by a large circle of friends.

On Jan 22 Rev. James Cumberland performed a
marriage ceremony for Miss Edith Scott & Mr. A.
Hitchins. We are glad the latter couple are going to
live on the Island.

Hitchins Ser. Bk[#] 1

Allen Nelson Hitchins

of Amherst Island.

Hitchins - Scott

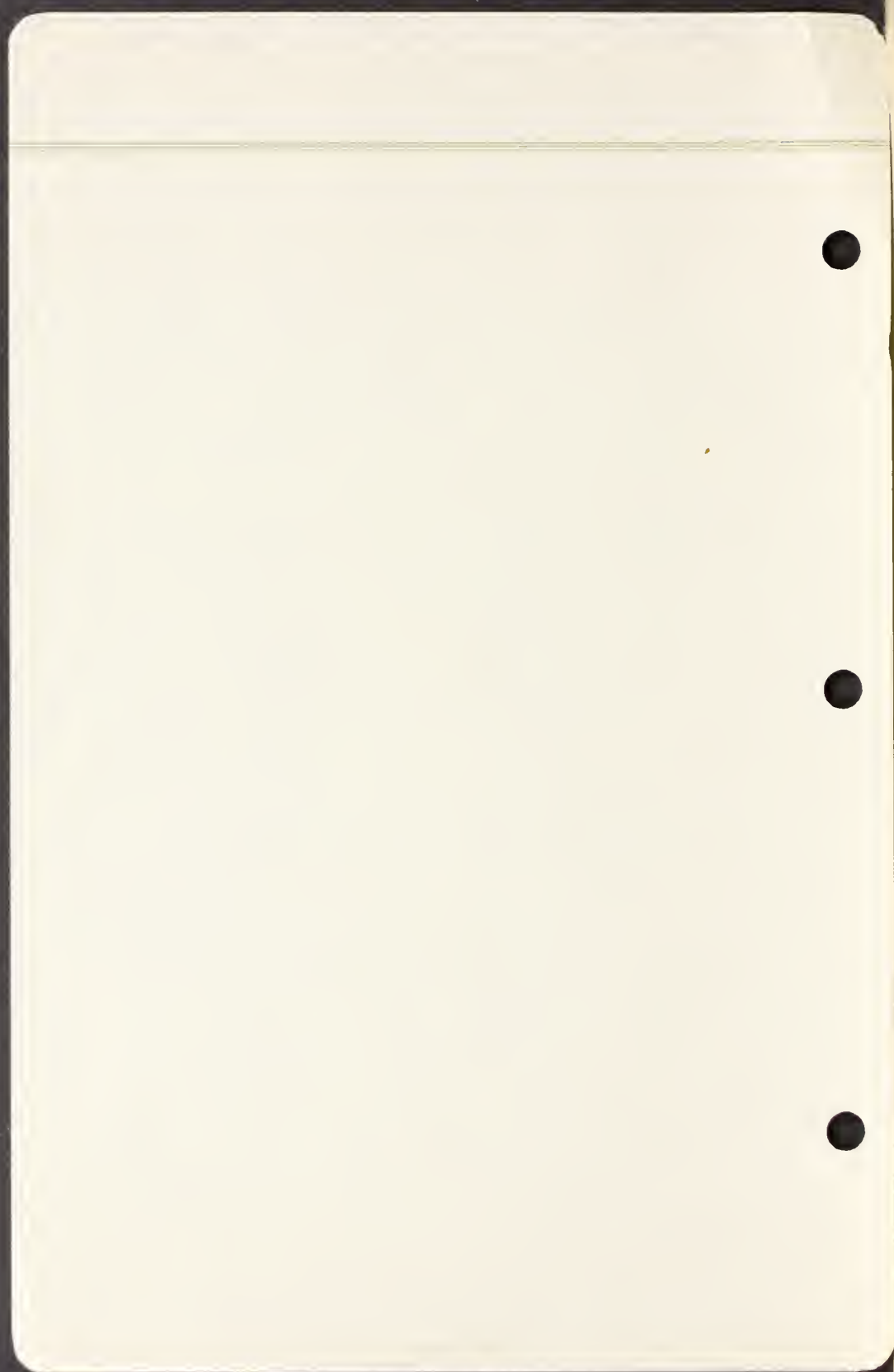
On Wednesday evening, Jan. 25th, Mrs

Glen Sa. Bk

Allen Hitchins
Edith Scott

Amherst Island

married Wed., (Jan 18?) 1900
Both of Amherst Island.

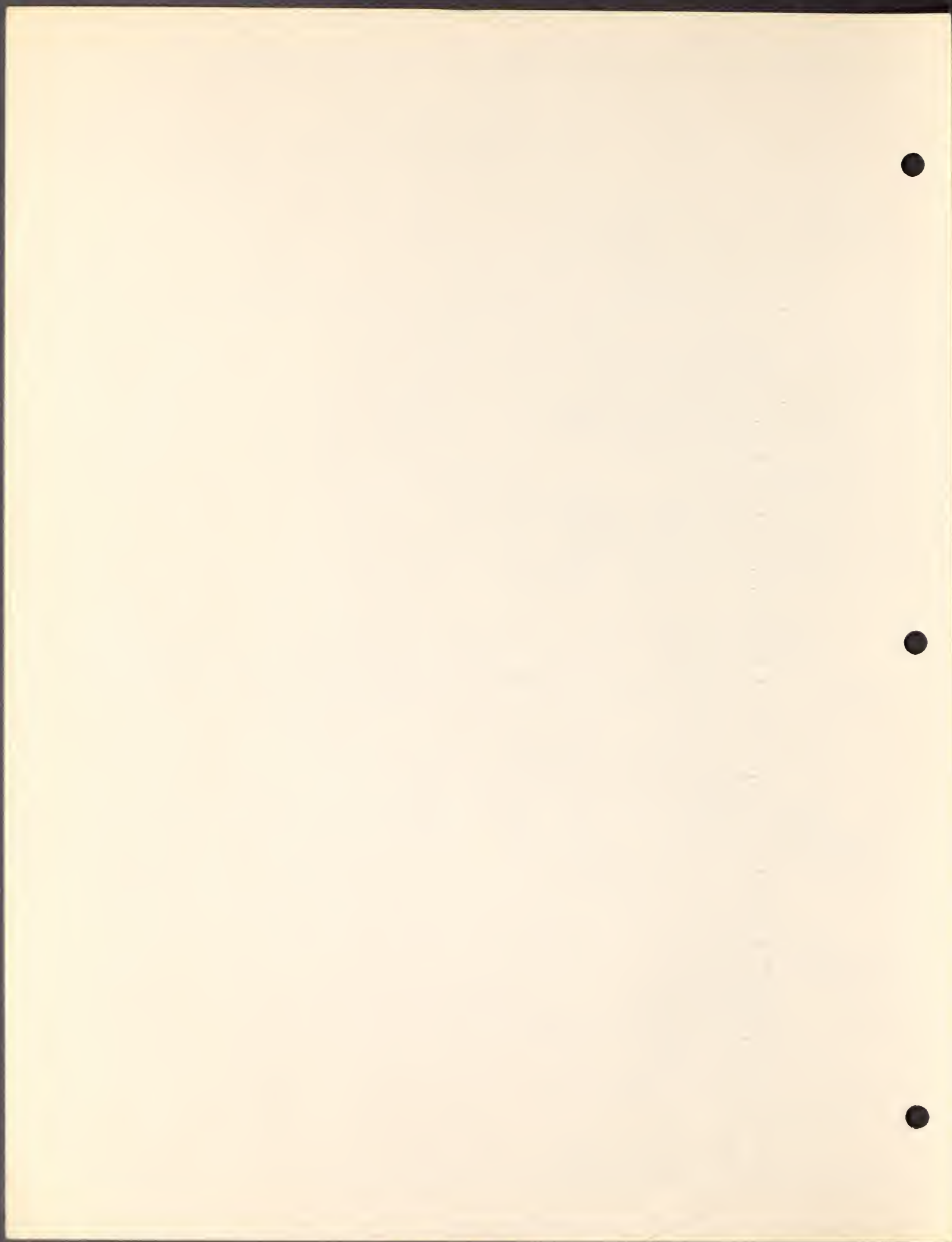


LEDGER

of

JOHN HITCHINS, Amherst Island.

- 1858, April 12--began to sow barley.
 1859, March 15--began to plow.
 1860, March 30--began to plow.
 April 3,--ice went out.
- 1873, May 8--carpenters commenced the house. Who was Emily Instant?
- 1894, March 11, last horse crossed
 " 23--ice went out.
- 1871, Jan 4--ice taken.
 " 5--first person crossed
 March 21--last person crossed.
 April 4--ice went out.
 " 6--first boat trip.
 June 17--frost.
 Dec. 20--ice taken.
 " 22--first person crossed.
 27--first horse crossed.
- 1875, April 16--last team crossed.
 " 22--ice in the big lake.
 23--last person crossed.
 29--ice went out.
 Nov. 14--first snow storm.
 " 23--boats last trip.
 Dec. 18--ice taken.
 19--first person crossed. Ice was in two weeks and went out. Taken four times.
- 1874, Jan. 14--last boat crossed.
 15--ice taken.
 April 13--last person crossed.
 15--stone moved with the ice.
 16--steamer boat going through the ice.
 --Rochester's first trip.
 Dec. 2--Rochester's last trip.
 31--ice taken.
- 1875, Jan. 1, first person crossed.
- 1873, April 9--last horse crossed.
 13--last person crossed.
 26--ice went out.
 28--Rochester's first trip.
 Nov. 23--Rochester's last trip.
- 1872, April 16--last horse crossed.
 22--last person crossed.
 27--ice went out.
 26--steamboat went down through ice.
 27--Rochester's first trip.
 Dec. 23,--ice taken.
 24--first person crossed.
- 1869, Oct. 26--first snow storm.
- 1867, April 16--ice went out.
 Dec. 15--ice taken.
 18--first person crossed.
 23--first horse crossed. Very low water.
- 1868, April 12--last person crossed.



Cemeteries

Bath Anglican Church

Richard Hitchens, died Jan. 20, 1898, aged 54 yrs 11 months
Emma Huffman, his wife, died Jan. 23, 1916, aged 62 yrs

Richard Hitchens, born Cornwall, Eng., 1777; died Feb. 18, 1845 aged 68.
Elizabeth Heath Wemp, wife of John Hitchens, died Feb. 1, 1881, aged
56 years, 9 months, 23 days.

Louise Caroline, dau. of John & Elizabeth Hitchens, died Jan 14, 1864
aged 14 yrs. 6 mos. 19 days.

J. Mac. D. Hitchens, b. Aug. 23, 1885; died Sept 4, 1909
Ethel G. Aylesworth, his wife, Dec. 13, 1886; Sept 18, 1918.

Pentland, Amherst Island.

William James Howard, died May 29, 1867, aged 58 yrs. 3 mo.
Louisa Hitchens, his wife, d. Aug. 26, 1856, aged 47 yrs
Erected by their son, William James

Glenwood, Amherst Island.

William A. Hitchens 1851-1931

(His wife, a McDonald, died 1939)

William Fowler Hitchens, b. July 4, 1918; d. July 20, 1918

Arthur W. Hitchens 1842-1918

Bertha Instant, his wife 1850-1913

W. Arthur Hitchens 1909-1934

(Mrs. Howard, aunt of Allan Hitchens buried here)

Census of Amherst Island 1871

Hitchens, Mary, aged 82, Church of England, German Origin, runs
shop, born in Ontario, Widow.



Census Records

Amherst Island

1871

Mary Hitchens died during the year, aged 82, Ch. of England
born Ont., widow (German Shap?)



Hitchins Book of Rentals

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Deaths / Hitchins Family

Elizabeth Hitchins died January 10, 1810 1810

Silbert Hitchins died January 13th 1812

Catherine Gates died October 4th 1813

Mary Hitchins died January 18th 1823

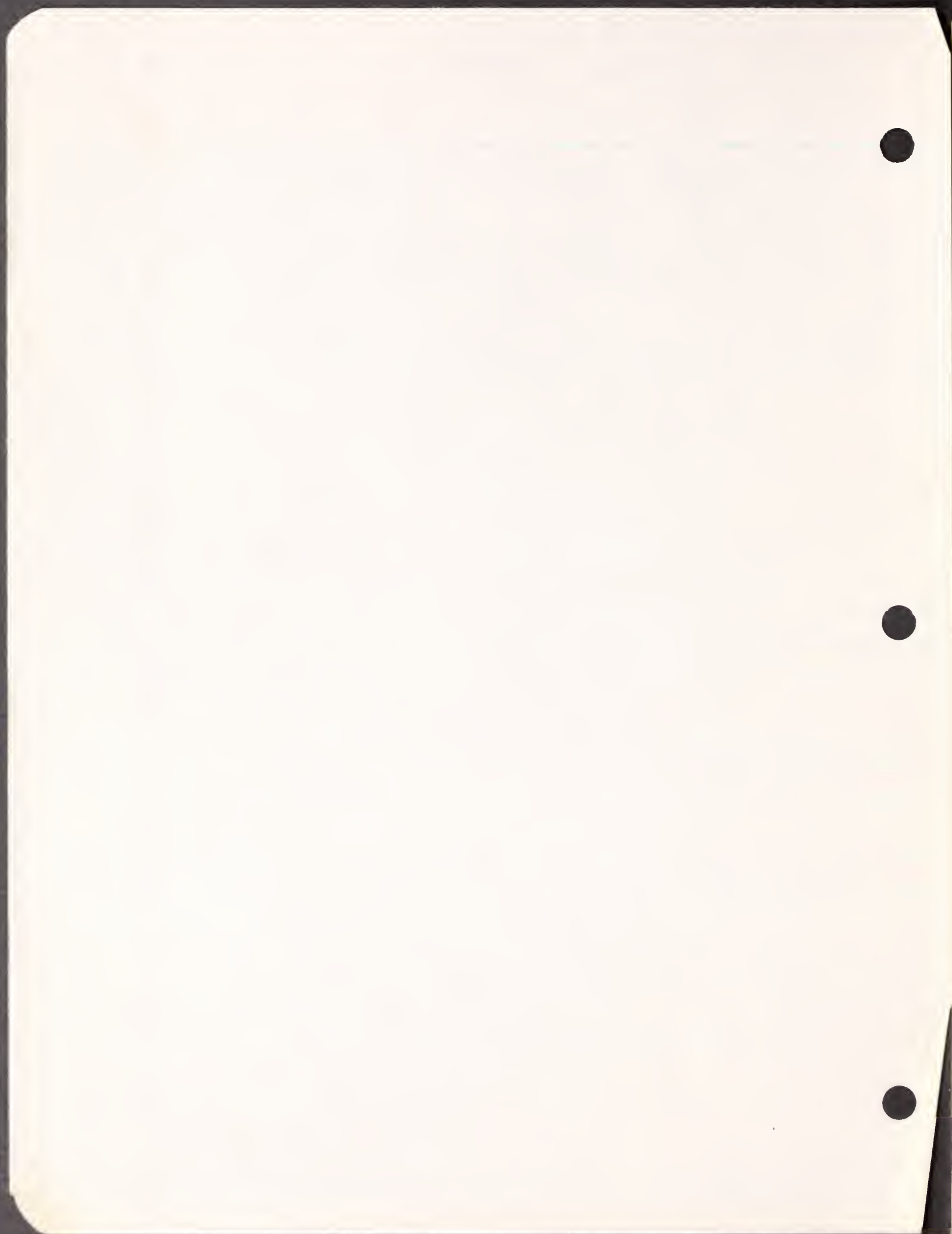
Richard Hitchins died February 18th 1845 at the
house of $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3, P. M. at his residence
on Amherst Island

Note Page 1 of Cumberland notes

Richard Hitchins married 3 Sept 1804 to Mary Gates
(widow Nestor with one child)

Mary Gates had an older sister Katherine, both of
whom were prisoners of the Indians

Katherine married James Wemp on 11 Dec 1779

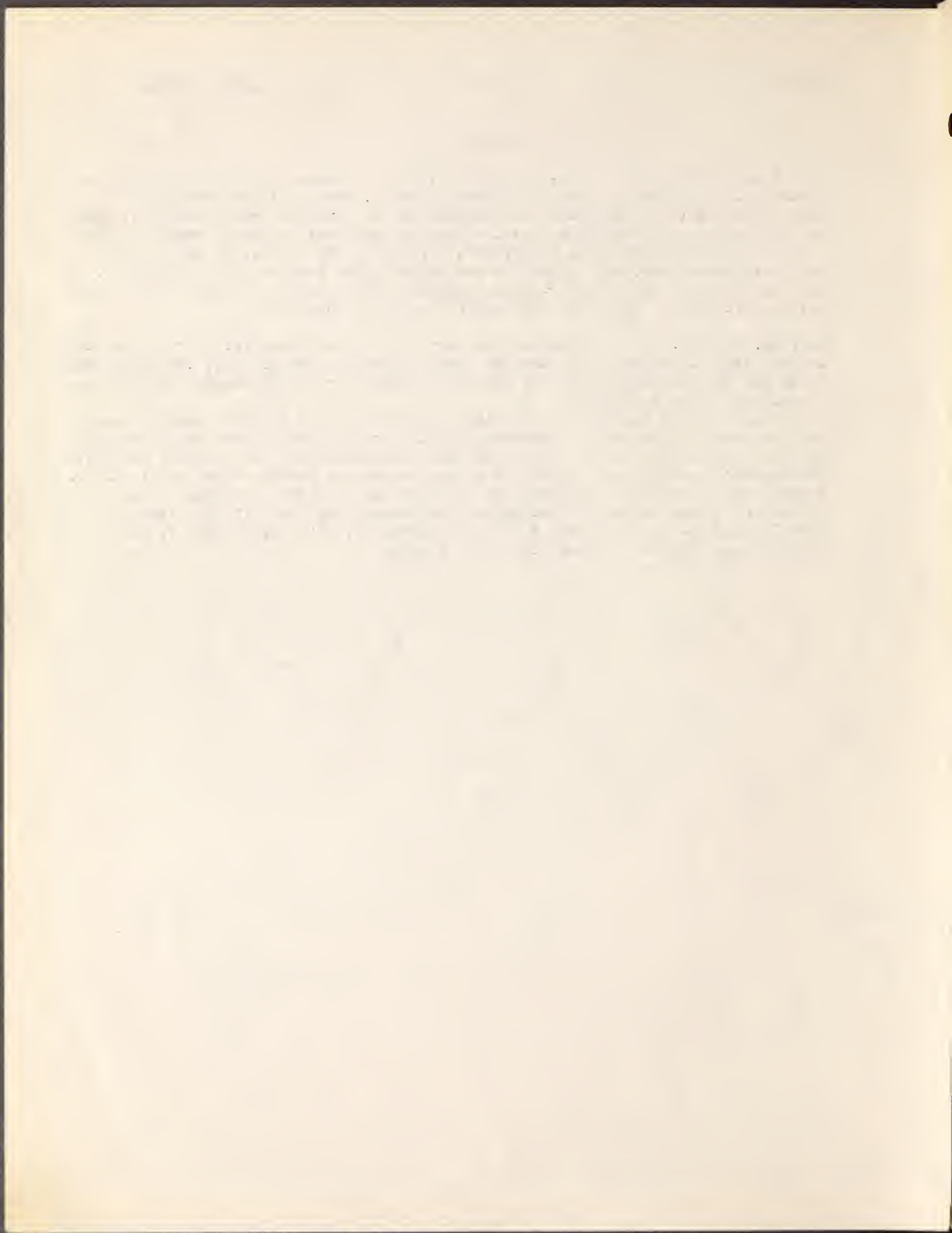


Stella.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Episcopal church at Emerald, on Wednesday, at 8.30 a.m., when Miss Maude Hitchins, the eldest granddaughter of the late Colonel ~~Hitt~~ John Hitchins, was married to the Reverend Fraser Bowerman, pastor of the Methodist church at Douglass, Mich. The impressive marriage service of the Episcopal Church was read by the rector, Mr. Tighe. The bride, who was well and popularly known here, was remembered her friends with many beautiful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman left via Str. Hero en route to their home, followed by the kindest good wishes for their felicity and prosperity through life.

Emerald, July 27.--. . . . Despite the torrents of rain which fell during the night and the still unfavorable appearance of the weather in the morning, the islanders, young and old, turned out in full force and filled our little church fuller than it has been for a long time. . . .

Mrs. Bowerman leaves behind a little incident. After the Hero was well away and the crowd had well-nigh dispersed Mr. Tighe raised the hue and cry by announcing that his valise, containing the government register and his surplice and stole was missing. Whether lost, stolen or strayed could not be determined at first. Mr. Tighe strongly suspected "stolen," but fortunately it turned out that it had "strayed." By some mishap it had got shipped aboard the Hero with the bridal party's luggage. And thus we find that Mr. Bowerman, Methodist minister, was running away with an Anglican minister's outfit.



I do hereby declare the above provision to my wife, Mary Hitchins, to be in lieu of all dower thirds or other claim which my wife can or may have on my estate real or personal and ~~give~~ in case my wife refuse the above provision and instituted any action or actions either at law or in equity for dower or otherwise, I hereby declare the above provision and legacies so as aforesaid given to my said wife, Mary, to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatever.

As witness my hand this twenty-third day of June, 1843.

In the presence of

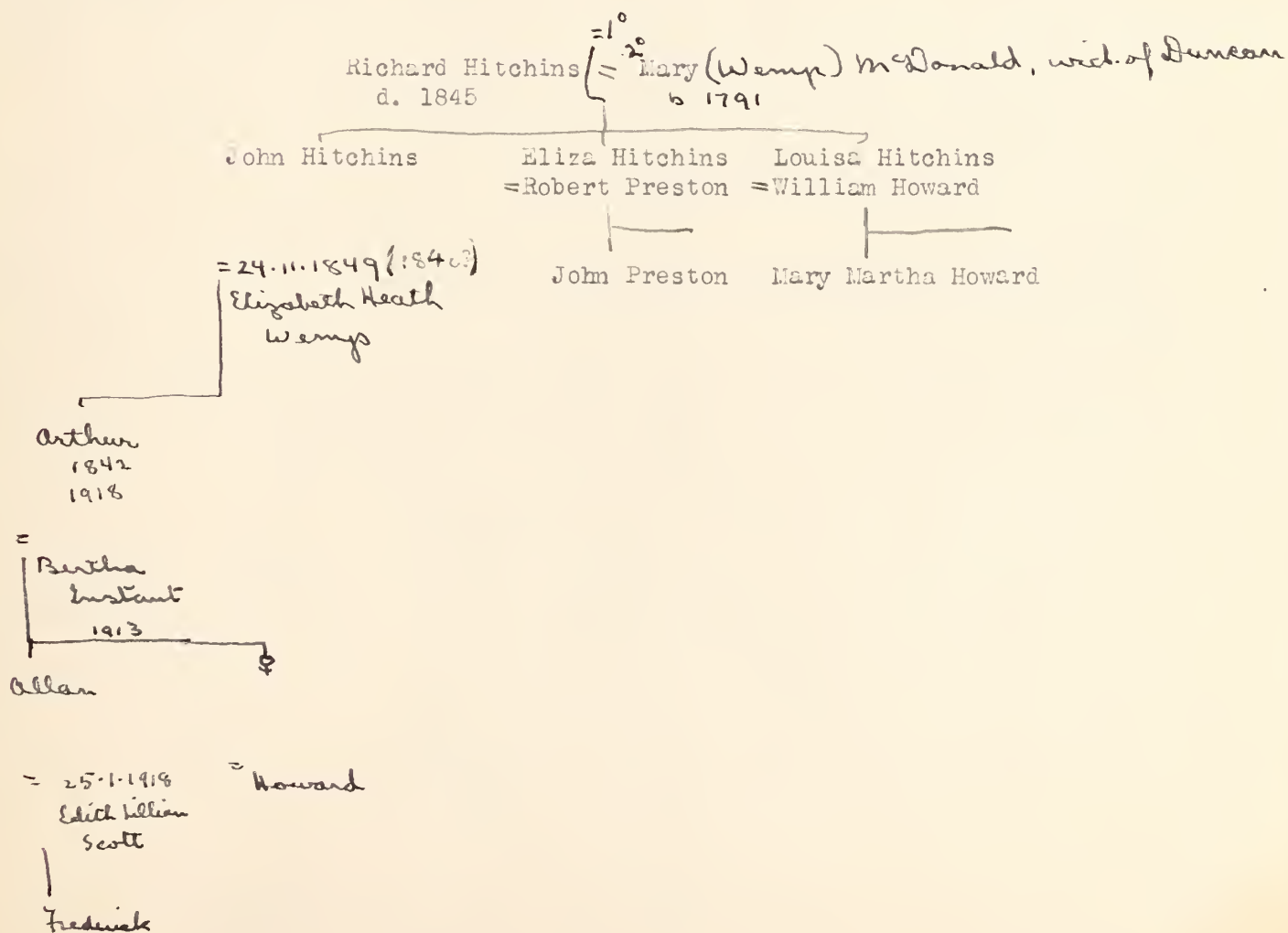
Signed John S. Cartwright
Chas. A. Sadleir

Signed: Richard Hitchins.

Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Richard Hitchins
deceased

Granted to John Hitchins, Sole Executor.

Dated April 11th, 1845.

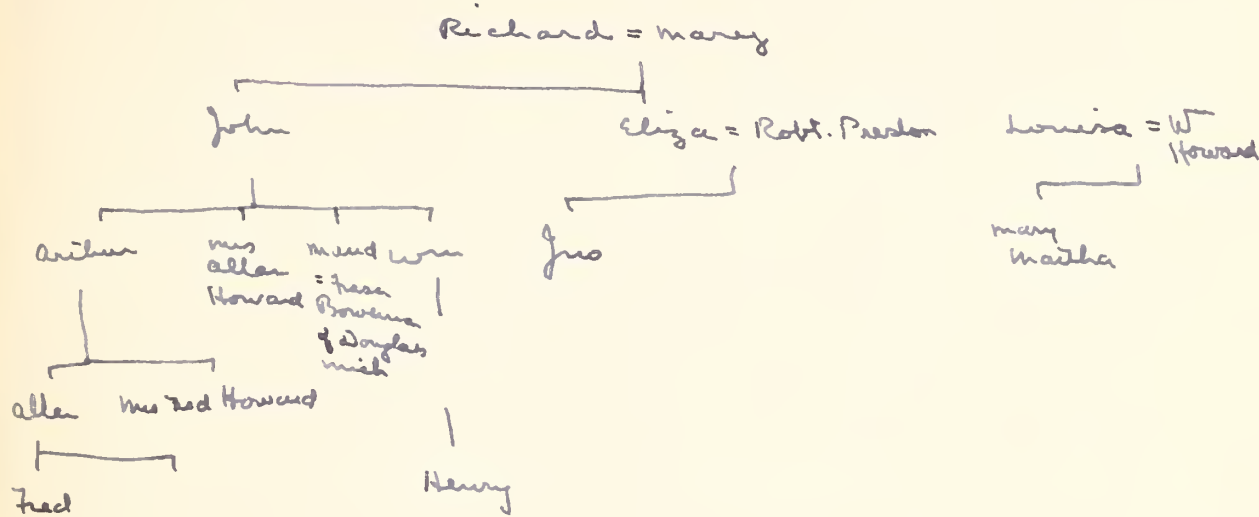




Hitchins

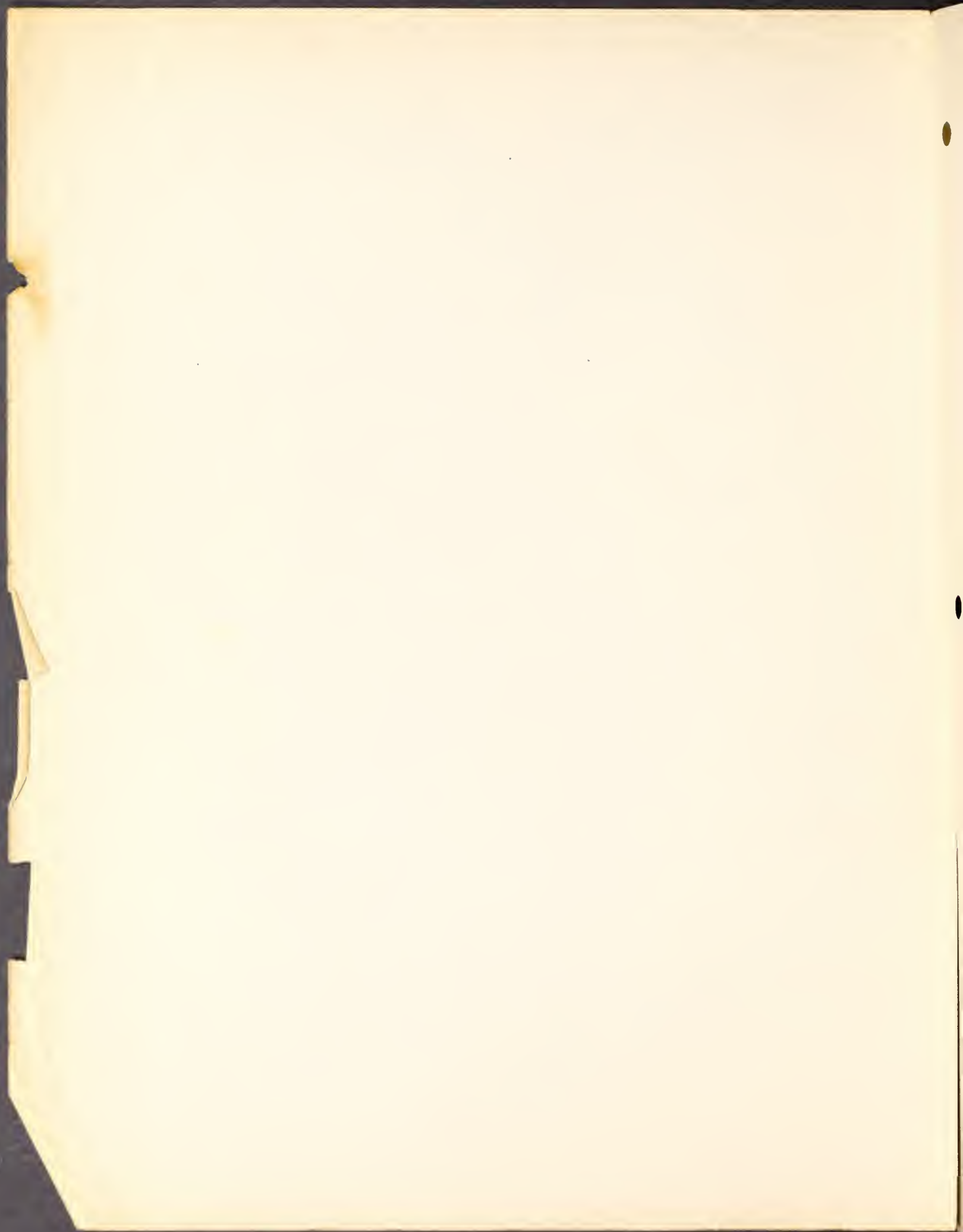
Bath Anglican Cemetery

1. Richard Hitchins 1777-1845
Elizth Heath Wemp. wife of John Hitchins 1824-81
Their dau. Louise Caroline, act. 14. 1849-1864
2. Richard Hitchins 1844-1898
Emma Huffman, h.w. 1854-1916
3. J. Mac. A. Hitchins 1885-1909.
Ethel C. Aylesworth 1886-1918.



Note of Mrs. Barker

Barney Wemp had saved his wife's sister from the Indians. This same woman later became wife of Richard Hitchins. How come?



John Hitchins, Esq., appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the Third Battalion of Addington Militia, taking rank and precedence from the first of July, 1850

Signed July 15, 1850 by
James, Earl of Elgin & Kincard-
ine.

John Hitchins, Esq., appointed Major in the Third Battalion of Addington Militia, taking rank and precedence from the fourteenth of July, 1849.

Signed Feb. 1st, 1849.
James, Earl of Elgin & Kincardine.

Lieut. John Hitchins appointed Captain in the first Regiment of Addington Militia, taking rank & precedence from the 2nd of September, 1844.

Signed this -- of October, 1844.
Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Bart.

Arthur Wellington Hitchins, Gentleman appointed Wnsign in the Third Battalion of Addington Militia, taking precedence from 28 Nov., 1862.

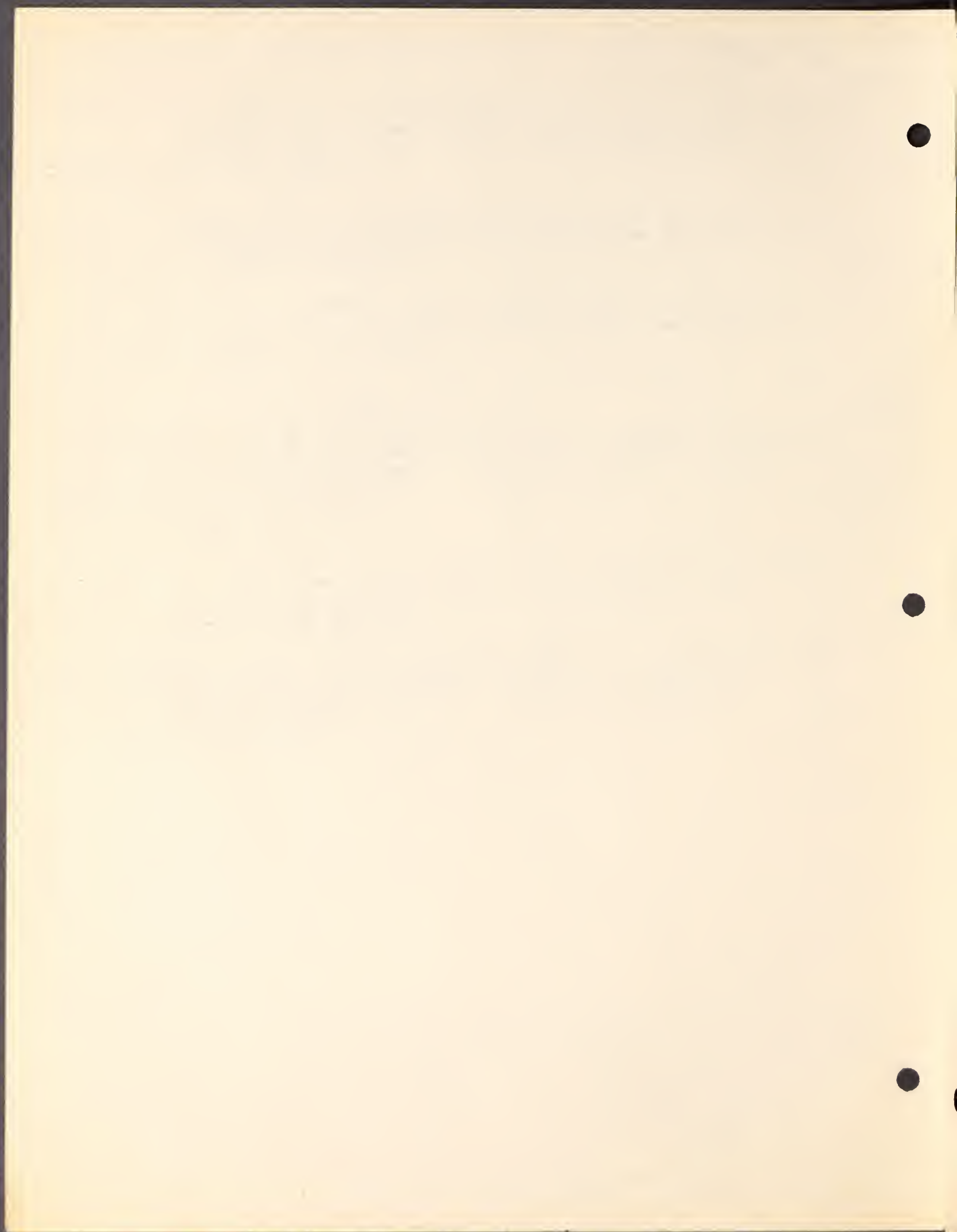
Signed at Quebec, 26th Dec., 1862.
Charles Stanley, Visc. Monck, Baron
Monck of Ballytramon, in the
County of Wexford.

Arthur Wellington Hitchins appointed Adjutant in the Third Battalion Addington Militia by virtue of a General Order of 28th Nov., 1862.

Signed at Quebec, 26 Dec., 1862.
Walker Powell, Lt.-Col.

Arthur Hitchins, Gent., appointed Ensign in No. 4 Company Division, Reserve Militia of the Regimental Division of Lennox (Province of Ontario) taking precedence from 8th March, 1869.

Signed at Ottawa, 21 Sept, 1870
P. Robertson-Ross, Col.
Adjutant General of Militia.



1868 cont'd

April 15--ice went out.

Dec. 24--ice taken.

25--first person crossed.

1872--roads drifted before Christmas.

1869, April 12--last horse crossed.

20--ice went out.

Oct. 26--first snow storm.

1870, March 28--heavy snow storm. snow banks 8 ft.

April 6--last horse crossed.

15--ice went out.

21--Rochester's first trip.

Nov. 14--heavy snow storm.

1857, April 14--ice broke up.

1858, Jan 28--first horse crossed.

April 7--sowing.

1859, March 18--ice broke up.

31--Bay of Quinte first trip.

1860, April 2--ice broke up.

10--Bay of Quinte's first trip.

1861, Jan. 3--ice taken.

~~April~~ April 12--ice broke up.

20--Bay of Quinte's first trip.

Nov. 20-- " " " last " .

Dec. 23--first snow storm.

1862, Jan. 5--ice taken.

13--first good sleighing.

April 9--fields covered with snow.

18--ice broke up.

24--Bay of Quinte's first trip.

1863, Jan. 17--ice taken.

16--first good sleighing.

21--first horse crossed.

April 9--fields covered with snow.

13--last horse crossed.

20--ice broke up.

27--Bay of Quinte's first trip.

Dec. 21--first good sleighing.

1864, Jan. 2--ice taken.

6--first horse crossed.

April 8--ice broke up.

10--a big snow storm.

19--Bay of Quinte's first trip.

Dec. 10--first snow storm.

30--ice taken.

1865, Jan. 8--first horse crossed.

Mar. 25--last horse crossed.

April 2--ice went out.

1866, Jan. 5--ice taken.

9--now snow.

1937 Jan 11 - Bay skinned over but sea wind broke it by noon
Jan 16 - Bay broke last night

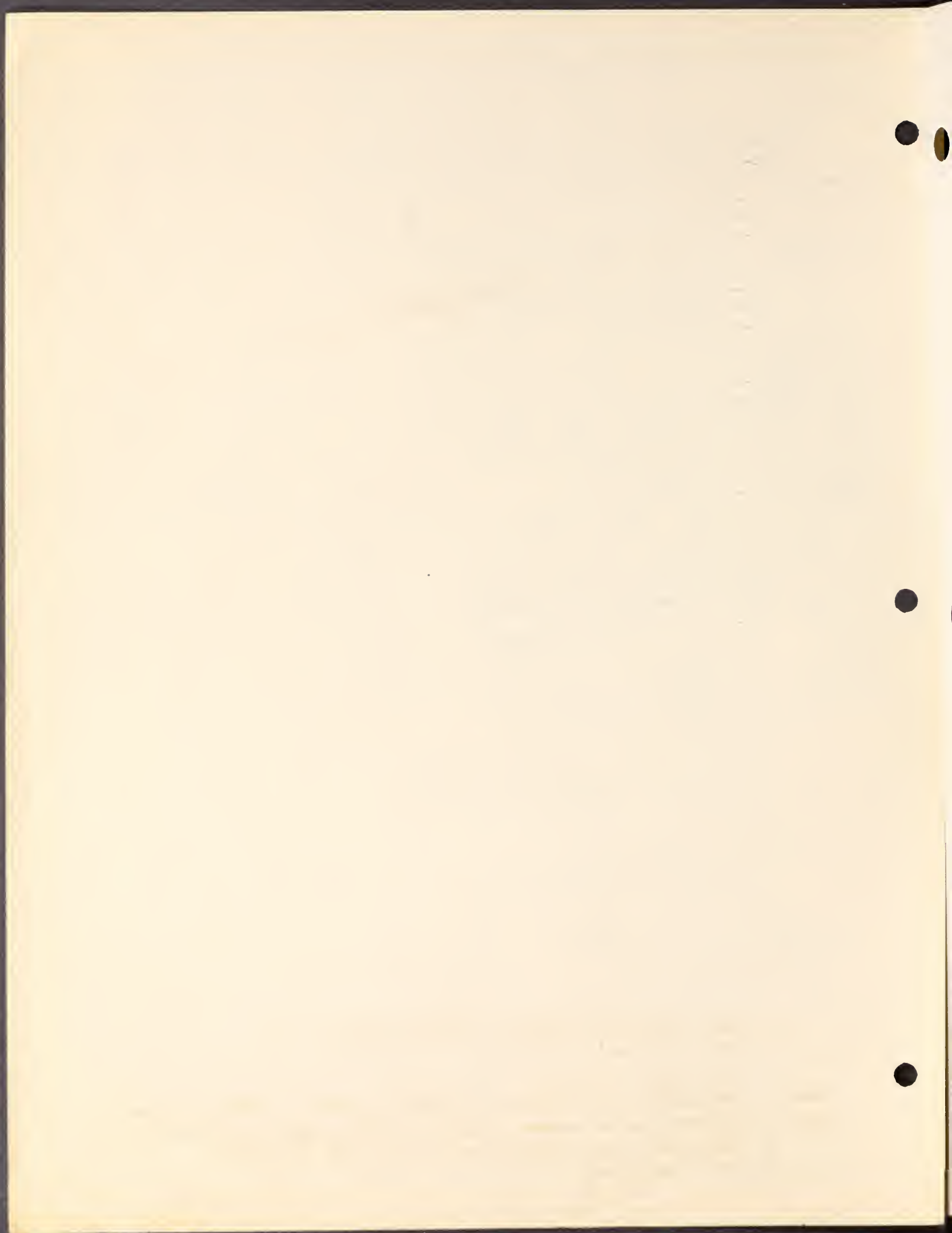
- Last trip of ferry

Mar 31 - My last trip to Island & Hugh Drumgoole & - McGunnes wed.

Apr 4 - Out & Bay calver crossed & Henderson's Casket: last crossing at Bath.

6 - Ice began moving this AM - NW wind of gale proportions

7 - First ferry trip



1779
 Barney Wemp = Ralburni Gates
 in Nov 1783 in Nov 1783
 was 24 y 6 mos was 22 yrs 2 mo
 of age of age
 b. May 1759 b. Sept 1761

Mary Gates
 b. 22 May 1773
~~24 Jan~~ 1823
 19 Jan by
 Jno Stoughton

The Wemps named one child 'Michael Gates'.

1790 Census
 German Flats
 John Hitchins

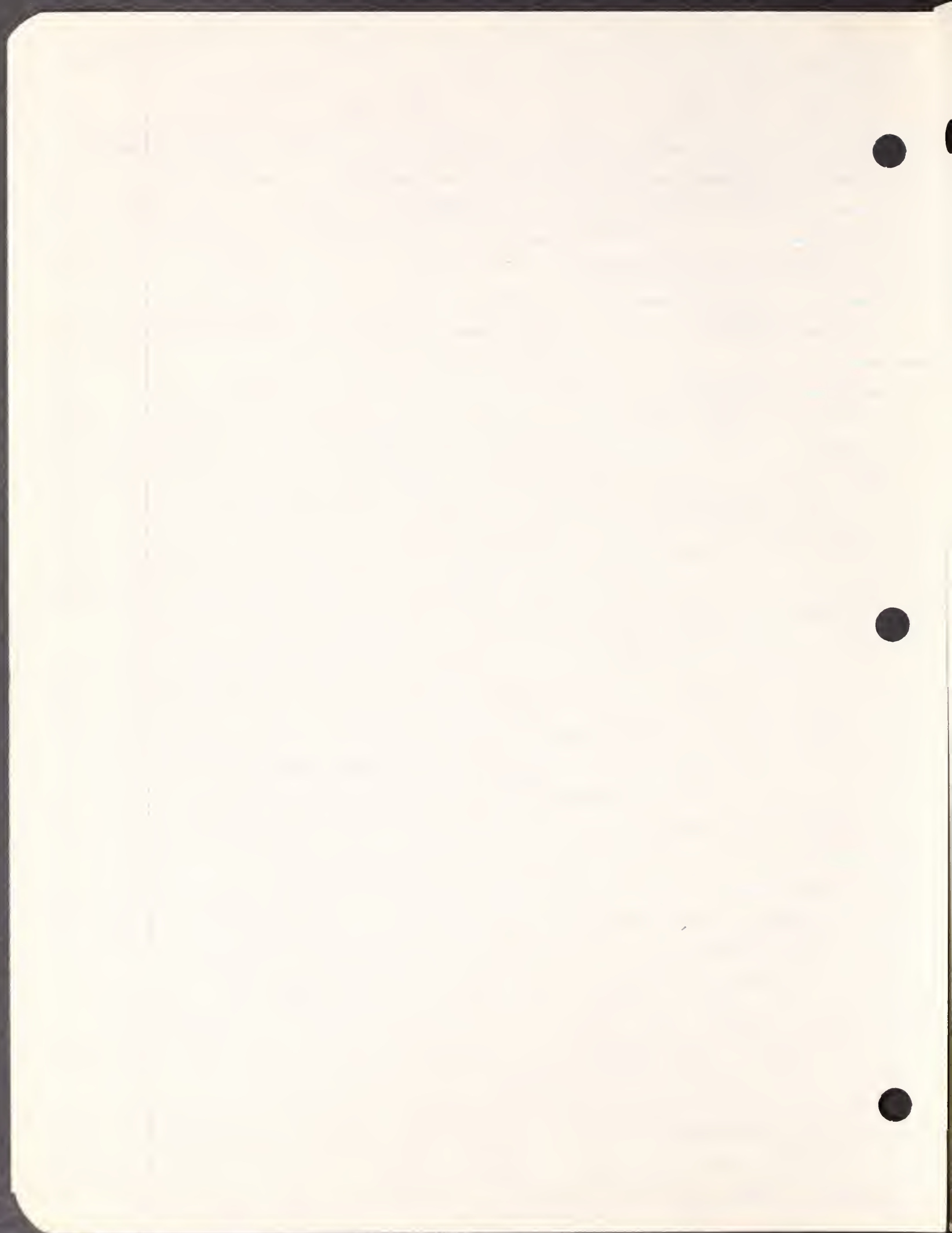
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Chemung
 Nathaniel Gates

1 3 3

Chemung
 William Nesley

1 4 5



Dear Friends

Here is another of my problems
which need solving

Richard Hitchens born in England 1777 married in
U.S. 3 Sept 1804 in New York to Mary Gales, the widow
of Nesler, with one child. They removed to Canada
soon after.

In the 1790 census, 1790, New York, I find a John
Hitchens German Flats. I also find a

Nathaniel Gales, self 3 sons + 3 women
in Chemung,

as well as a

William Nesley self 20 sons + 5 women

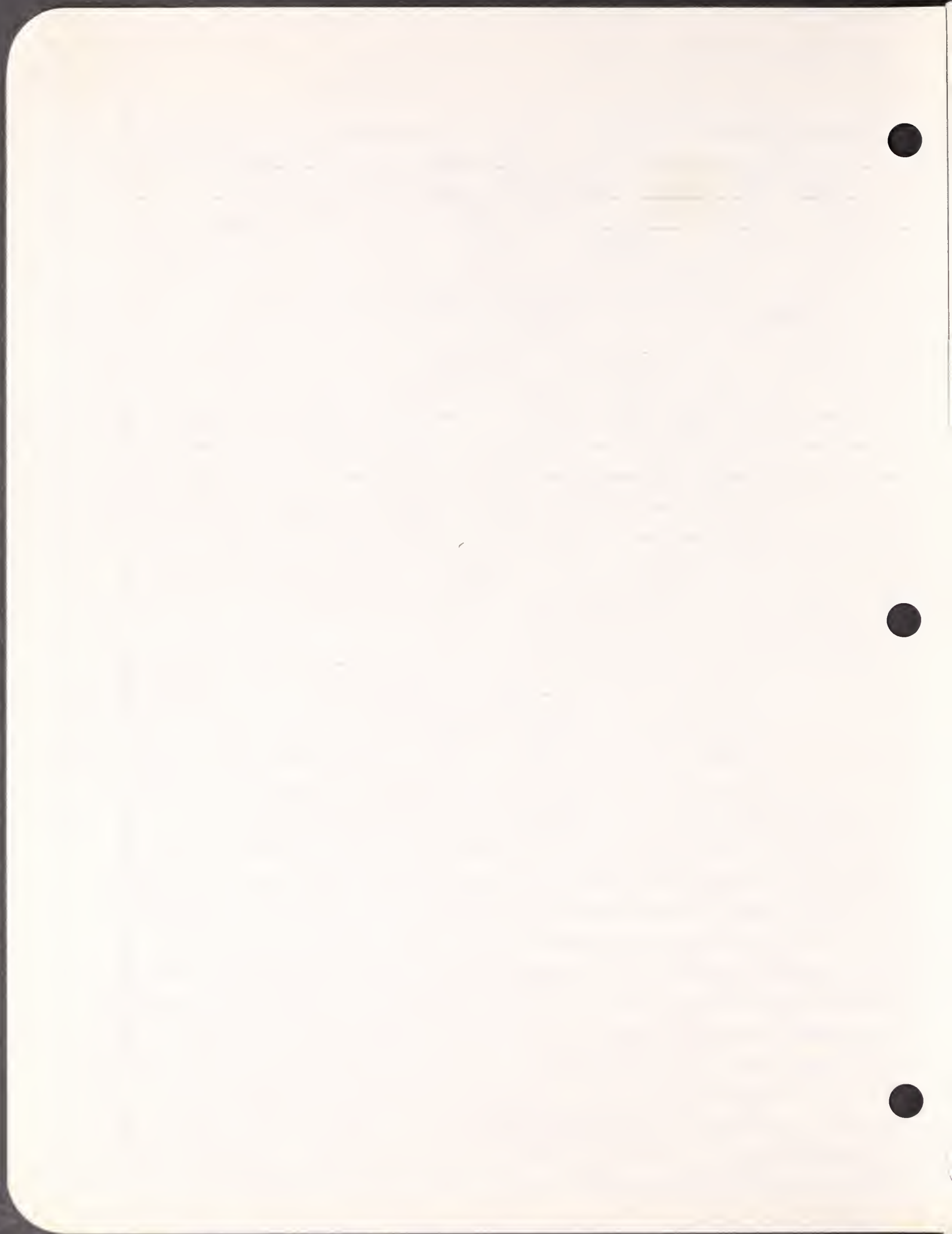
There might be a collection

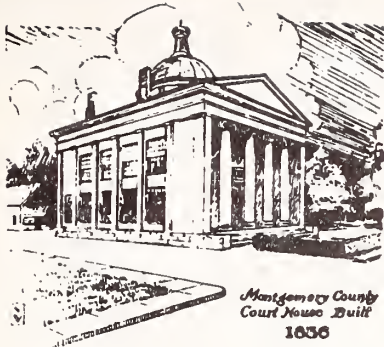
There is also a story that two girls named Gales
Catherine born Oct. or Nov 1761 and
Mary born 1773 22 May died 1823

It is possible that

1. Census of 1800 Mohawk Valley might show Richard
or other Hitchens
2. 1804 marriage of Richard Hitchens + Mary (Gales) Nesler

Would you help me, at your fee, if necessary





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Of all the National, State and County assets
Archives are the MOST PRECIOUS.
They are the gift of one generation to another,
and the extent of our care of them
marks the extent of our civilization.

May 14, 1979

Dr. H.C. Burleigh
Apt. 507, 33 Ontario St.
Kingston, Ontario K7L 5E3

Dear Dr. *Burleigh* Burleigh,

I do wish one of these days you would write
for some information and I could find it! I'm beginning
to get a complex!!!

I am enclosing a few pages from "The Reynolds
Genealogy", which refer to CHARLES REYNOLDS, but obviously
not your CHARLES. Thought they may give you some kind
of a lead. Our family files have nothing for a Charles
Reynolds. The 1820 Federal Census index for the State of
New York lists two, one Charles in the Town of Vienna and
one in the Town of Western, both in Oneida County. I checked
also our "History of Oneida County" and no REYNOLDS families
were listed, but the "Abstracts of Wills" for Oneida County
listed a DANIEL REYNOLDS of WESTERN-- maybe a brother
to Richard? No other Reynolds were listed.

As to the HITCHINS family, I found almost nothing!
As you said, the 1790 Census lists him in German Flatts,
Herkimer County, but I found nothing on this name at all
in the records we have for Herkimer County, including our
German Flatts Reformed Church records. JOHN HITCHINS is
not listed in the 1800 Federal Census Index. I could find
nothing on either Mary or Catherine Yates, daughters of
Michael Yates, nor could I find mention of Michael himself!
What elusive ancestors!! No reference to a RICHARD HITCHINS
in any of our records. The 1810 Federal Census Index for
New York State lists an M. Yates in Rensselaer County, but
again, found no MICHAEL Yates with daughters Mary or Cath.

Please let me know if I can check anything else for
you, as one of these days, I would really like to help you!

Very sincerely,

enc: copies-
exchange

(Mrs.) Violet D. Fallone

-no fee - exchange of data!!

Dear Dr. Burleigh,
Your daughter is delightful! I
do not know Mrs. Burleigh, but
if "Diane" inherited her good looks
from her "Mami" then she surely
inherited her "Charm" from her
"Dad"!!!!

We miss seeing you - do
take care of yourself - We think
of you often and pray for
your good health -

Sincerely,
"Ti" and Staff

Pendleton

Wm Geo = Louisa Hittins
1809-57 1809-56

15 Geo (orig) = ^{Wm Geo} 1820-1901
1833-1911

Henry = Colin McKinnis
1770-1833 1773-1850

T.E. = Mary Marshall
1833-1887 1836-1919

A. J. J. = John A.
1800-1907

John = Victoria
1844-7

Geo P = Rachel C.
1842-1904 1841-1912

Geo = Rachel Wump
1855-18 1855-75

Thos = Mary Hald Howard
1800-62 1800-62 1805-91

Thos = Sarah
1824 1833-1906

Andrew = Adelaide
1818-1844 1846-1921

James Marshall
1846-1918

Class M = Olga Moore
1837-1903 1847-1916

G. Fiedler
1871-1933

Carla Howard Wump
1966-1918

Wm John Catharine Charles
1837-1906 1826-1900 1832-1912 1847-1916
Olga T = John T Wump
1840-1925 1838-1926

James C. = Julia I. Clark
1835-1904 1843-1921

Sarah M = Wm Wump
1845-1917 1848-1921

Geo Vane Francis M Geo T Julia C Ellen M
1835-1934 1876-1905 1873 1885 1880-4

Hitchins

Oliver Crouse = 1st Catherine McCremon
1771-1841 = 2 Maria Nestor
1786-1860

Richard Crouse = Margaret McLeod
1817-1900 1826-1900

Census 1851 Island
Maria Hitchins age 63

Oliver = Emma
5.4.1851 McJaggart
22.7.1924 28.4.1852
22.9.1910

Two of Oliver Crouse's daers. are
mentioned of Will of Richard Hitchins
after war both girls ended up
in Puckton

McDonnell Reply

Oliver Crouse (1771-1841) = 2nd wife Maria Nestor Isle Fort. E 1814

Candle Old Cemetery Cape East

Married wife of Oliver Crouse d. March 1, 1866 aged 80 yrs

Richard Hitchins Will 1845

called Maria Crouse one wife

He m. Mary 1798 & d. 1845

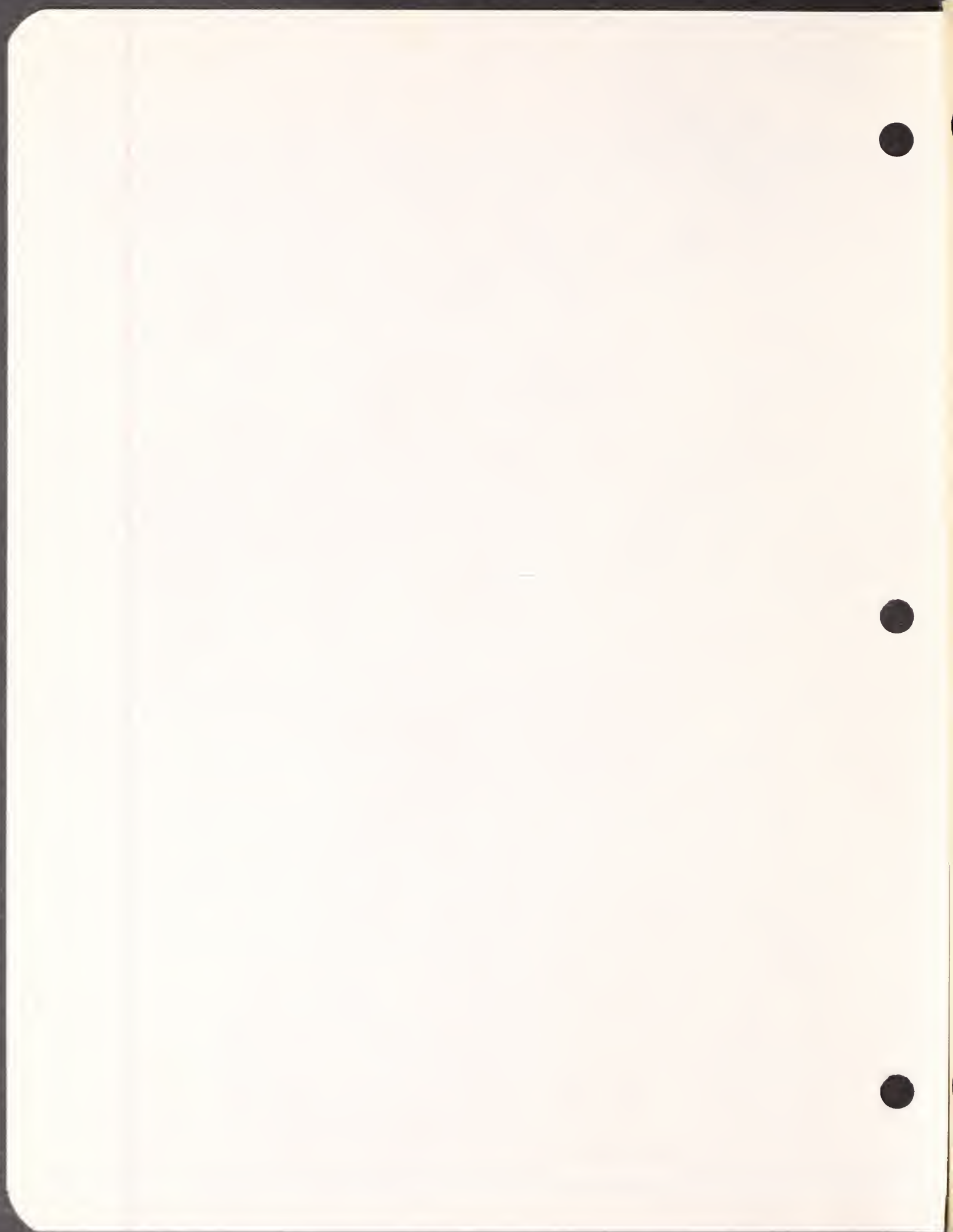
He came to and 14 prior to death of his son John 1814

Oliver whether Maria wife R.H. was born in Ont

Candle Old Cemetery Cape East

Maria, wife of Oliver Crouse d. March 1, 1866 aged 80 yrs

Barney Crouse said married in 1779
called d 1843



A true copy of the last Will and Testament of Richard Hitchens as filed among the
Records of the Surrogate Court of the Midland District. Isaac Fraser, Regr.
S. C., M. D.

In the Name of God Amen:

I, Richard Hitchens of the Township of Amherst Island in the Midland District, and Province of Canada, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Hitchens, the just and full sum of ten pounds to be paid in the manner following, that is to say, the sum of five pounds of the lawful money of this Province, and the further sum of five pounds in produce off of my farm at market price to be paid each and every year, so long as she remains my widow and lives a virtuous and chaste life, but in default of her so living then the said payments are to be stopped, and also five pounds in cash at my death,

I give and bequeath unto Eliza Crouse one cow, and unto Maria Crouse one cow.

I also give and bequeath unto my son, John Hitchens the east hundred acres of lot number sixty in the second concession of the said township of Amherst Island which I am now in possession of. Also lot number nineteen on the north side of Amherst Island which I now live on containing by admeasurement one hundred acres of land be the same more or less, during his natural life, and then the said property is to descend to his lawful heirs of the name of Hitchens, I do also give and bequeath unto my son, John Hitchens, all monies I may have in my possession or in the Banks or loaned out, all papers, notes of hand and debts due to me, also the stove, gun, spy glass, farming utensils, my cloths and every description of wearing apparel, my boats, sails, oars and every thing appertaining thereto. my horses, cattle and all my moveable property, except the household furniture and such property as I have before reserved and hereafter reserve.

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter, Eliza Preston, wife of Robert Preston the just and full sum of twenty-five pounds of lawful money to be paid in six months after my decease and my bible.

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter, Louisa Howard, wife of William Howard, the sum of twenty-five pounds of lawful money six months after my decease, also the bed and bedding that I now occupy.

I also give and bequeath unto my grandson, John Preston, son of Robert and Eliza Preston, the sum of ten pounds of lawful money one year after my decease.

I also give and bequeath unto Mary Martha Howard, daughter of William and Louisa Howard, the sum of ten pounds one year after my decease.

And the sum of ten pounds to the remainder of my grandchildren of the families of Eliza Preston and Louisa Howard to be divided equal each share and share alike.

I further give unto my granddaughter, Mary Preston, daughter of Robert and Eliza Preston, all my household ~~articles~~ furniture, saving and excepting whatever articles I have reserved in these writings.

And lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods, and chattels, I give and bequeath the same unto my son, John Hitchens, whom I now by these presents appoint as my sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

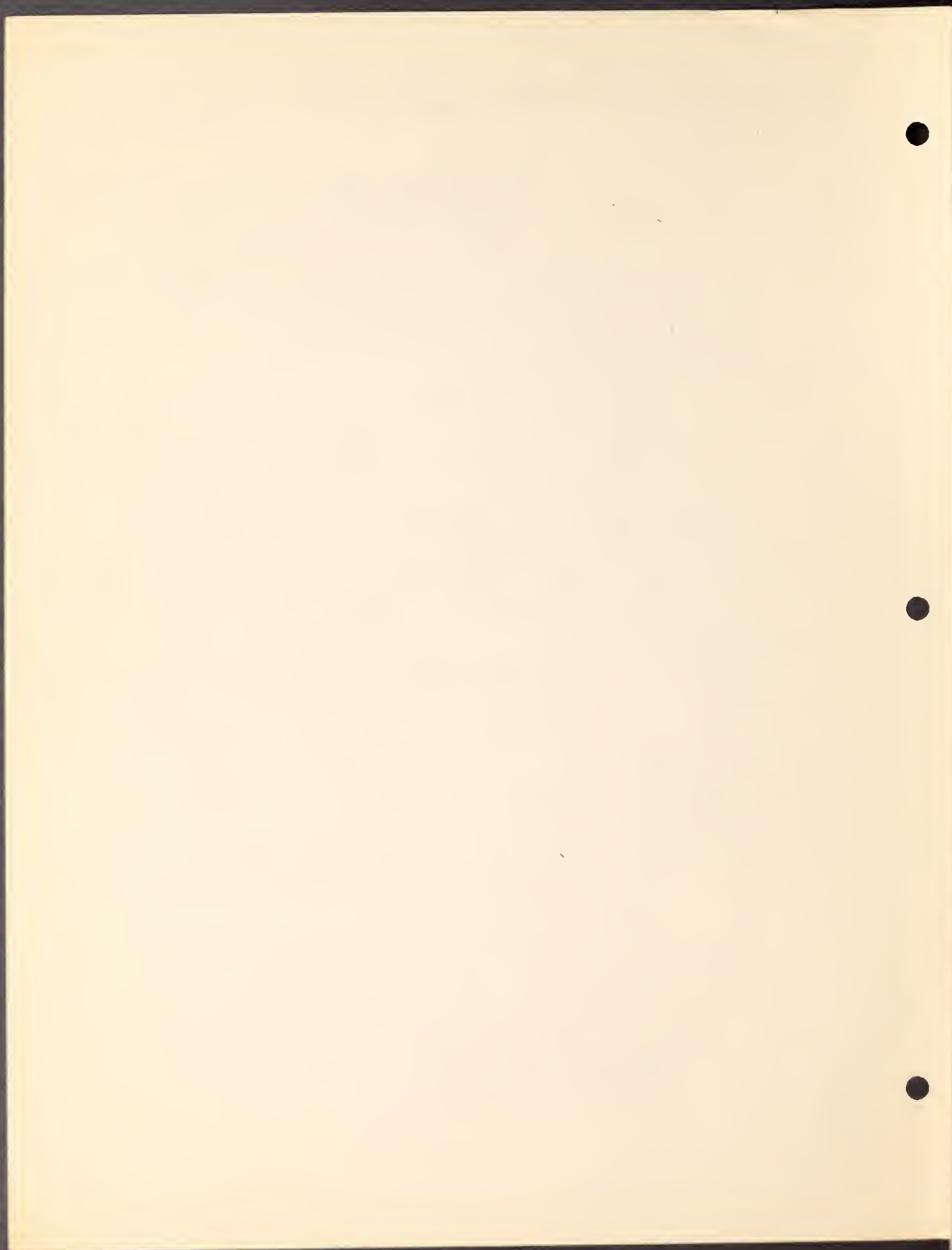
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my ---- and seal this 12 day of May - day of 1843 - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three--

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above named Richard Hitchens to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Signed: William Howard
Elijah R. Parks

Signed: Richard Hitchens.

I do



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BIBLE.

JOHN & ELIZABETH
HITCHINS
AMHERST ISLAND



This Holy Bible belongs to John & Elizabeth Hitchins
Oxford Island Feb 25 1845
Sept 3 1845

- 1 Richard Hitchins m. New York Mary Nestle
- 2 William Howard = Louisa Hitchins 30 November 1830
- 2 Robert Preston = Eliza Hitchins 6 May 1834
- 2 Richard Hitchins = Mary McDonnell in the Sn of Kingston 16 Jan 1841

John Hitchins = Elizabeth Heath Wemp in Sn of Ballenke
24 Nov 1841.

Allen Howard = Mary Elizabeth Hitchins, Anh. Id 29 Sept. 1868

Fessie C Hitchins = Donald Ross Hannak. 1 Kingston 29 Sept 1930

Richard Hitchins = Emma Huffman at Emeraldton
18 Sept 1891

Arthur Wellington Hitchins = Bertha Instant, Anh Id
7 Oct 1874 in his eighth M.D.

William Alfred Hitchins = Mary Elizth McDonnell Anh Id
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George Frederick Hitchins = Louisa Anne Hitchins, Alph
Ch. Bath 15 Feb 1898

Mary Elizth Maud Hitchins = James Richard Kneen Bowser
man at Christ Ch, Emerald 25 July 1800

Allen Hitchins = Edith L. Scott Anh Id 5 Jan 1905

John McDowall Hitchins + Ethel Gertrude Aylenworth
8 Oct 1908

Reginald Garry Hitchins = Anne Marie Rickerby 4 Apr 1970

Robertus Mary Hitchins = Brian William Reil 11 Oct 1969

Arthur Gilbert Hitchins & Ada Caroline Fowler
mar. Aug. 29 Sept 1913

John Stark Roddeck & Ethel Annie Hitchins
mar. 1914

Arthur Botthell & Bardalene Emma Louise Hitchins
mar. 14 March 1916

Births

Richard Hitchens b. in County of Cornwall - England in the
year of Our Lord, 1777.

Mary Hitchens b. New York, 22 May 1776

Mary Preston N.Y. 3 May 1793

2 Eliza Hitchens b. N.Y. 3 June 1807

2 Eliza Hitchens b. N.Y. 3 June 1807

2 Louisa Hitchens b. N.Y. 30 March 1809

2 Elizabeth Hitchens b. Anh. Id. 10 January 1810

2 Robert Hitchens b. Anh. Id. 13 Jan 1812

2 John Hitchens b. A.I. 17 November 1814

John H. Preston b. 30 Sept 1835

Porter Preston b. 23 Nov 1837

Mary H. Preston b. 30 May 1840

Elizabeth Heath Hitchens b. Anh. Id. 2 Apr 1824

4 Arthur Wellington Hitchens b. Anh. Id. 11 Dec 1842

4 Richard Hitchens Jr. b. Anh. Id. 18 Feb 1845

Mary Hitchens b. Pr. Ed. Co. 6 Apr 1791

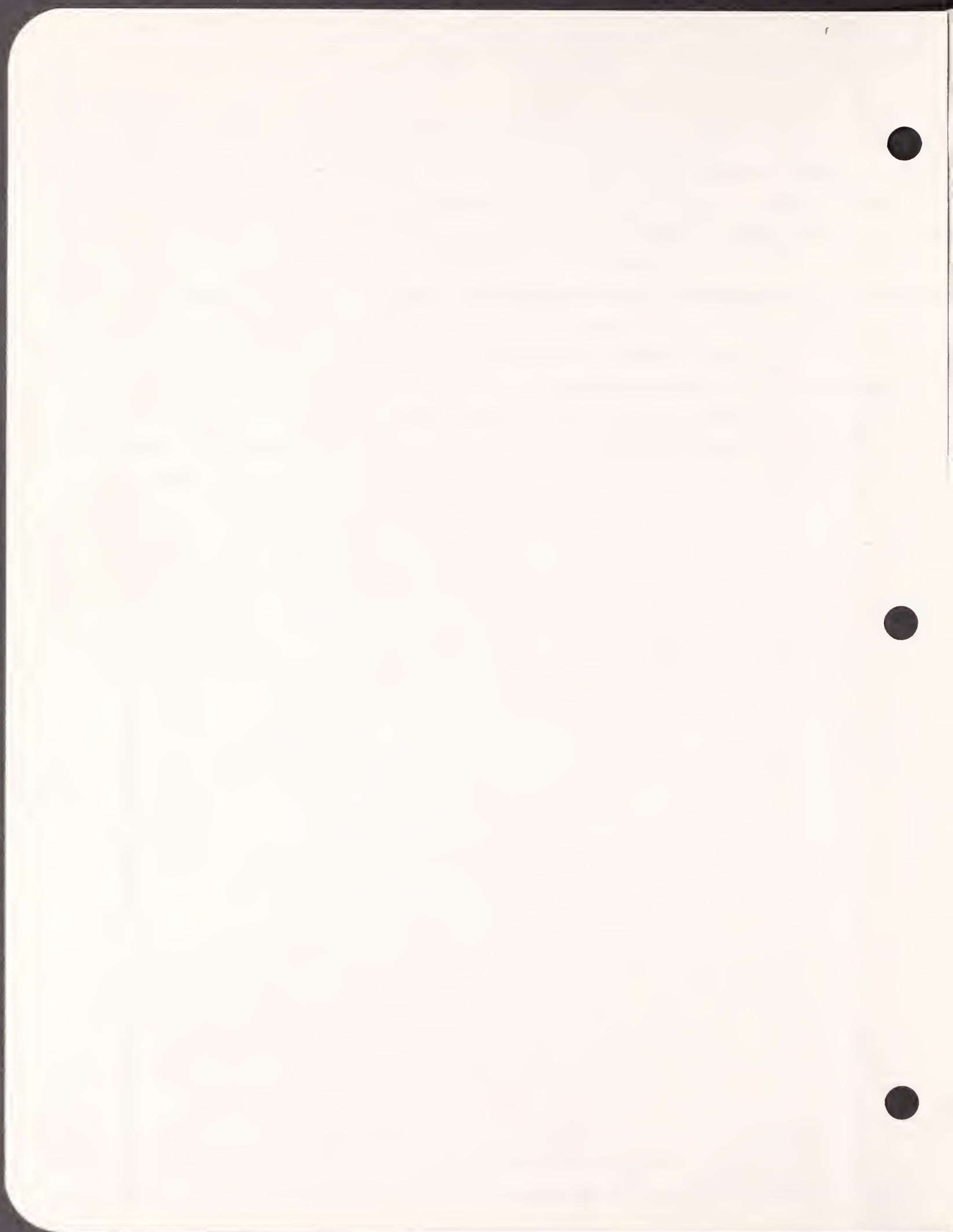
Mary Elzeth Hitchens b. 1 Apr 1847

Louisa Caroline Hitchens b. 16 July 1849

William Alfred Hitchens b. 31 May 1881

Annie Hitchens b. 6 Aug 1863

John Allen Hitchens b. July 4 1872



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Mary Elizabeth Mand Hitchens b 13 Aug 1873

Louise Caroline Hitchens b Aug 11 1875-

Alfred Henry Allen Hitchens
b. 31 March 1876

Allen Nelson Hitchens 3 June 1877

Edith Annie Hitchens b. 17 March 1882

Arthur Gilbert Hitchens b. 8 May 1884

John McDowell Hitchens b 23 Aug 1885-

Burdalane Emma Louise Hitchens b 10 July 1893

Jessie Caroline Hitchens b 27 Feb 1906

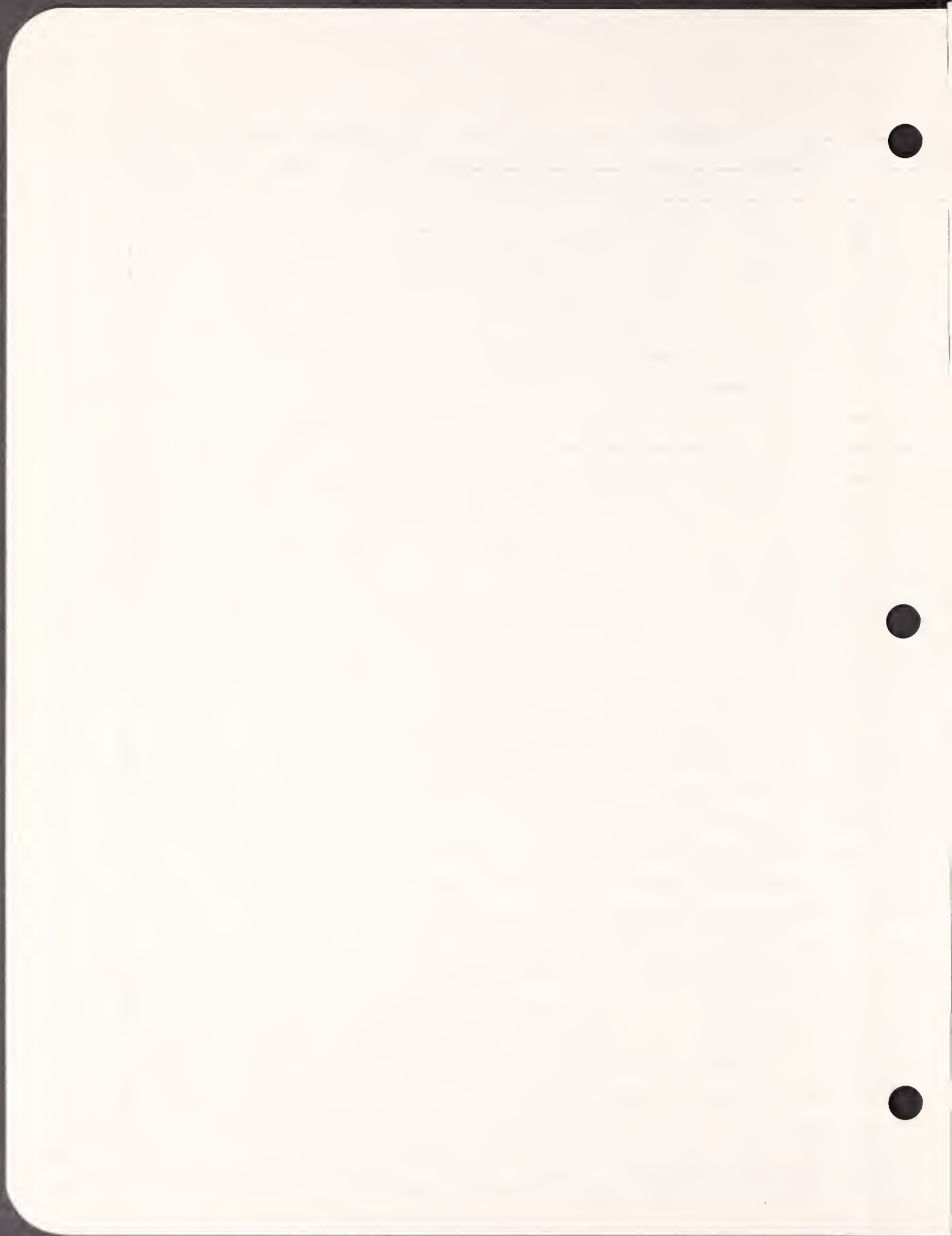
Arthur Arthur Hitchens 18 June 1909

Frederick Nelson Hitchens b 4 Aug 1913

William Fowler Hitchens 4 July 1918

Henry Reginald Hitchens b. Oct 4 1919

Arthur Elmer Hitchens b 31 Jan 1951



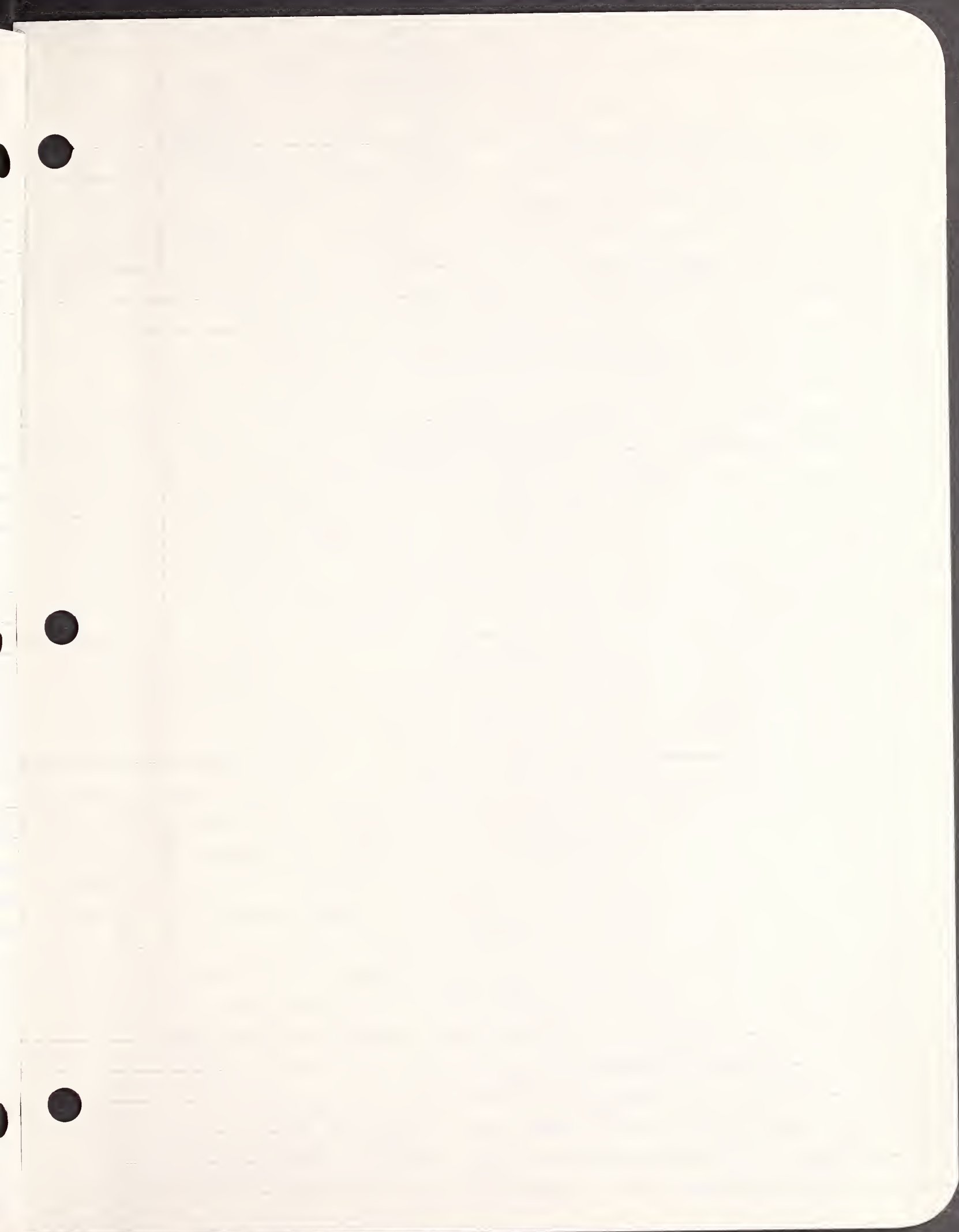
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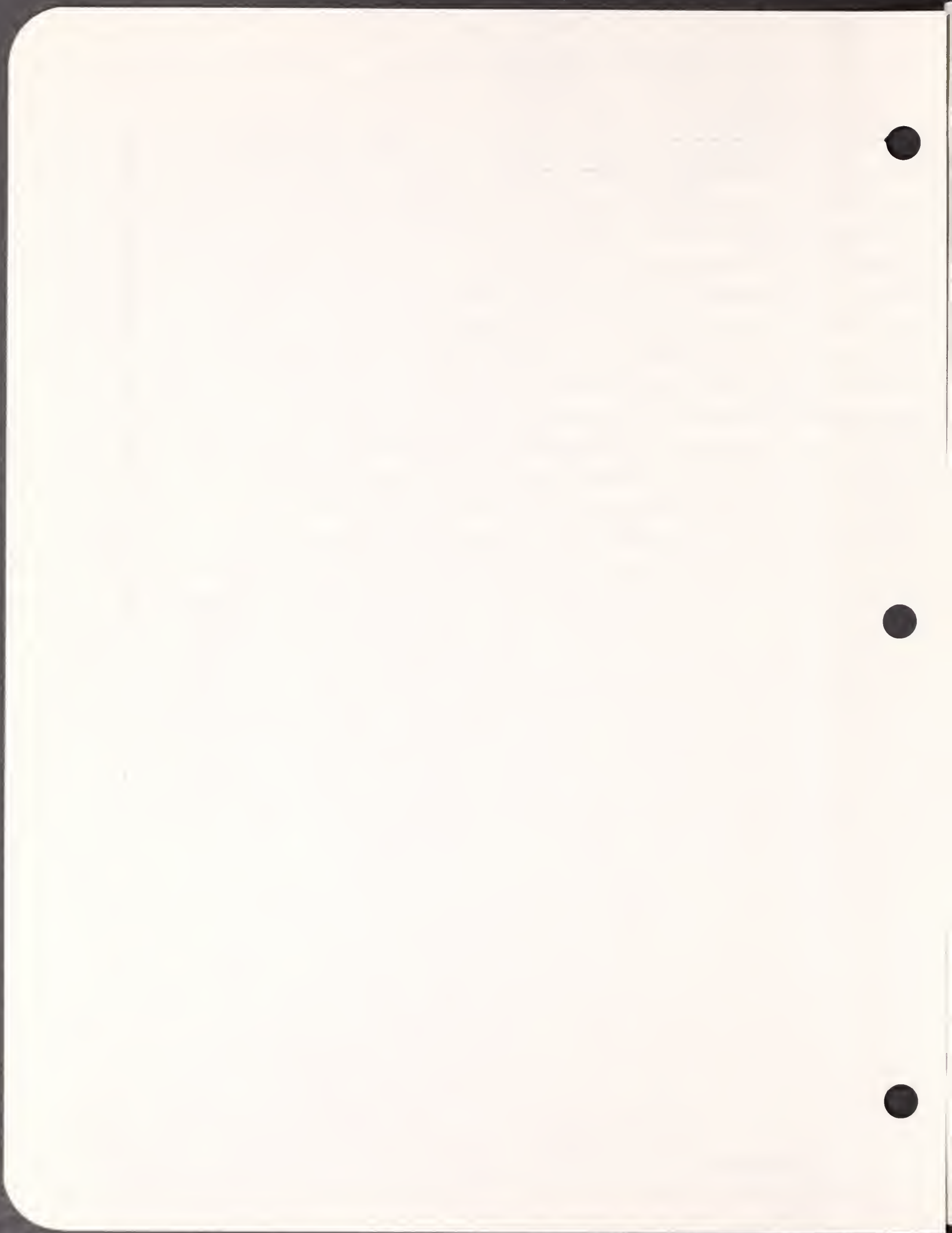
- Elizabeth Hitchens d. January ⁹ 11 1810
- Gilbert Hitchens d. Jan. 13 1812
- Catherine Gates d. October 4 1813.
- Mary Hitchens d. January 18 1823
- Richard Hitchens d. 18 February 184⁸ J.H.
- Louisa Howard d. 26 August 1856
- Louisa Caroline Hitchens d. January 14 186~~3~~7
- John Allen Hitchens d. July 4 1872
- Eliza Preston d. January 26. 187⁹
- Elizabeth Heath Hitchens d. February 1st 1881
 a beloved wife & kind mother J.H.
 Buried in Bath March 23. 1881
- Mary Hitchens d. 25th August 1883
- Arthur Gilbert Hitchens d. Sept 9th 1973
- Hitchens d. 20 May 1898
-
- John Hitchens d. November 16 1898
- John McDowell Hitchens d. 7 September 1899
- Bertha Hitchens d. April 1st 1913
- Arthur Wellington Hitchens d. Jan. 14 1918
 aged 75 years
- William Fowler Hitchens d. July 25 1918 ?
- William A Hitchens d. November 21 1931
- William Arthur Hitchens d. March 15, 1934
- Mary E. Howard d. April 5 1938
- Mary E. Hitchens d. Feb 24 1939
- Allen Nelson Hitchens d. June 9 1947
- Edith Hitchens d. Nov 12 1952

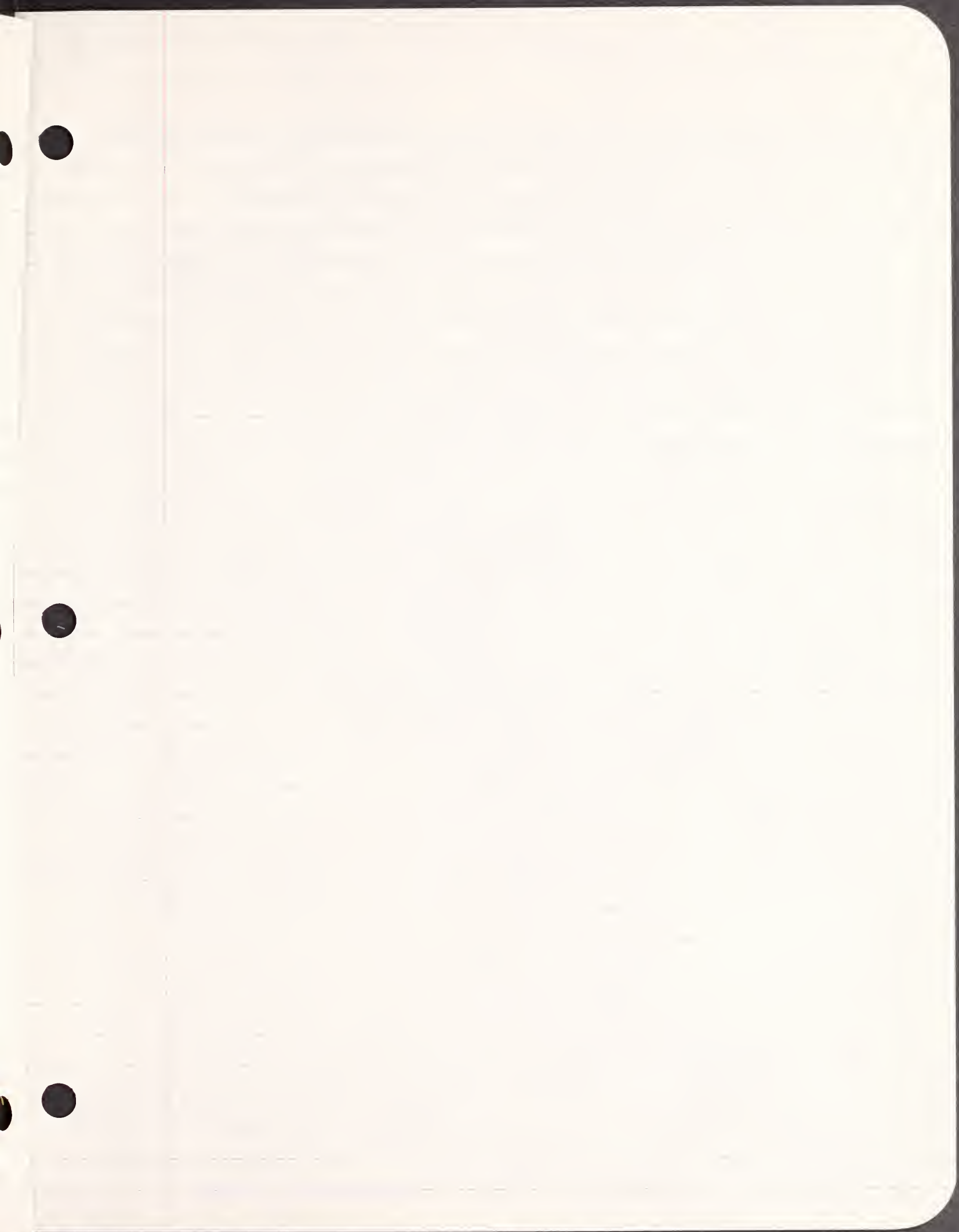
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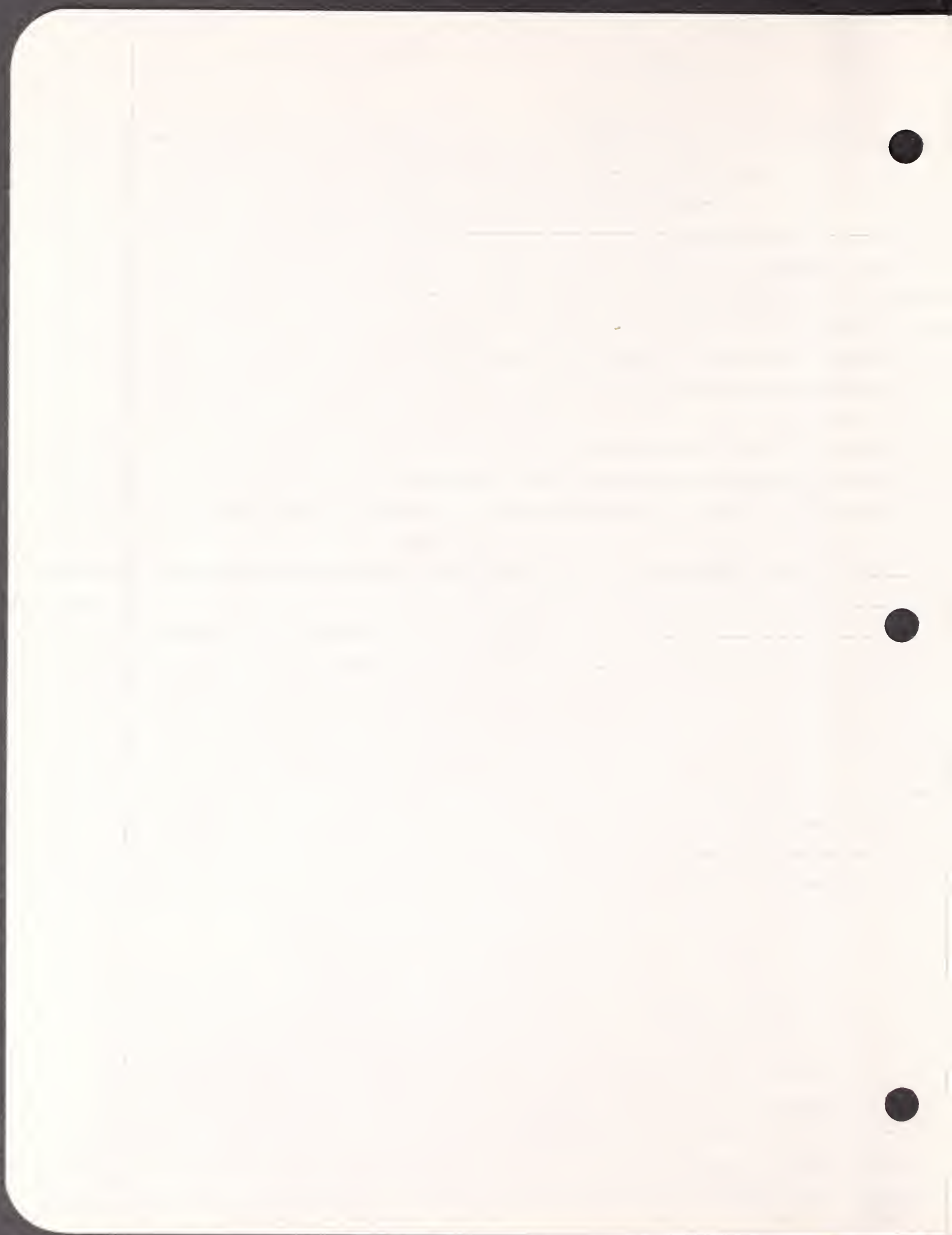
Caroline Ada d Jan 13 1872

Ethel Annie Roddick d April 25 1873











WESSLER

census of New York State 1790

Halve Man

Russler, Conrad, Jr

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do

Conrad

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do

John

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GATES

Settlers of Albany Co.

Gates, John of Halve Maan, m. Geertruy Van Vranken, March 21, 1779. He d. Sept. 9, 1825, a 79 yr, 10 mo, 6 days; she d. May 8, 1839, a 85 yrs,

Children:

Elizabeth b. July 25, 1781

Joseph b. Oct. 19, 1783

Serrit, b. May 28, 1785.

Hanna, b. Jan 26, 1787.

John, b. Oct. 21, 1788, and d. Jan 24, 1810.

Gates, John, and Catherine Van Vranken
child

Cornelius, b. Sept. 22, 1797.

Census of New York State 1790

New York City Westward

Gates Michael 1 man, 2 women.

Stephentown, Albany County

Gates, Jacob	2	3	4
do Isaac	1	4	2

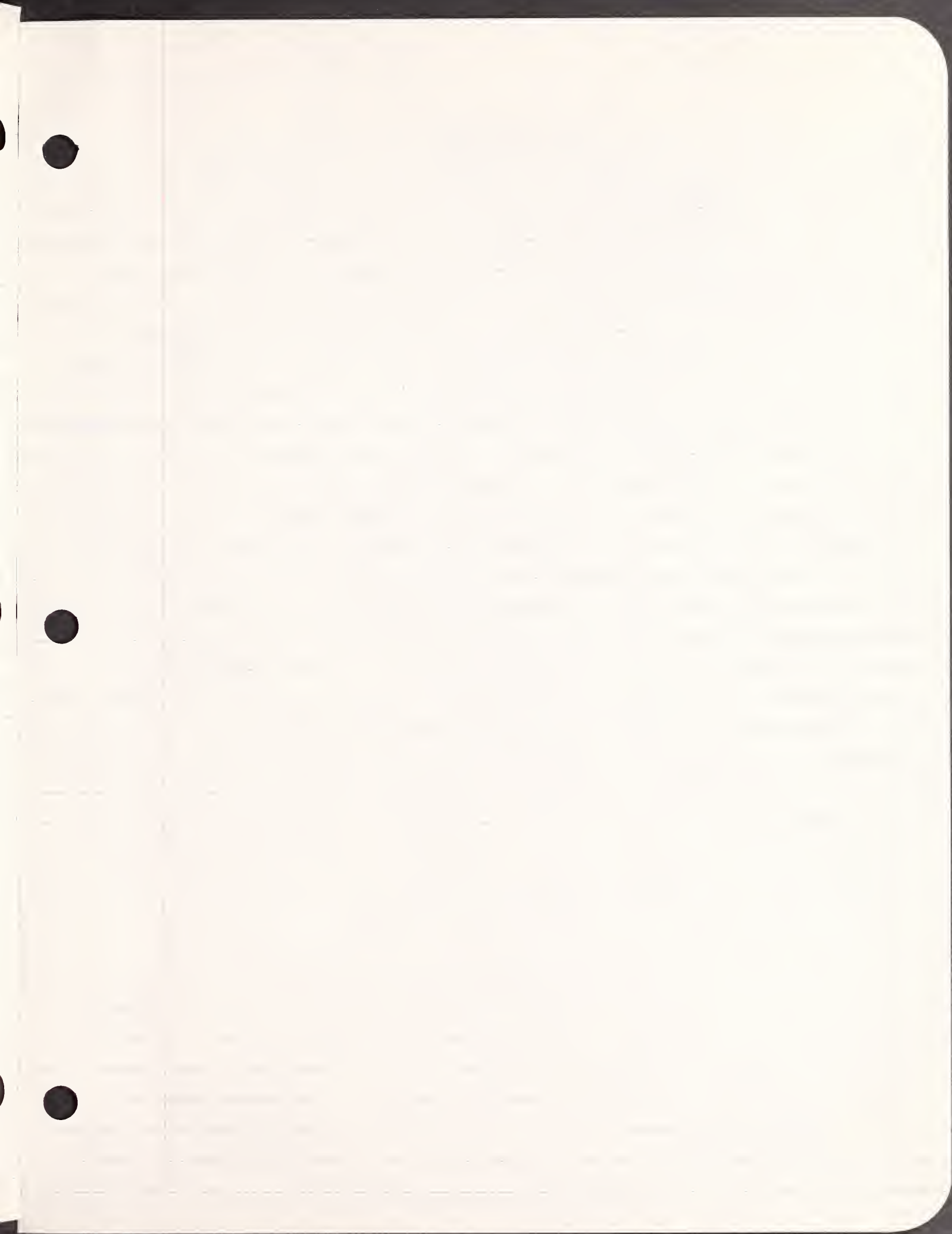
Robert Glen - Vassar Professor
or as Son

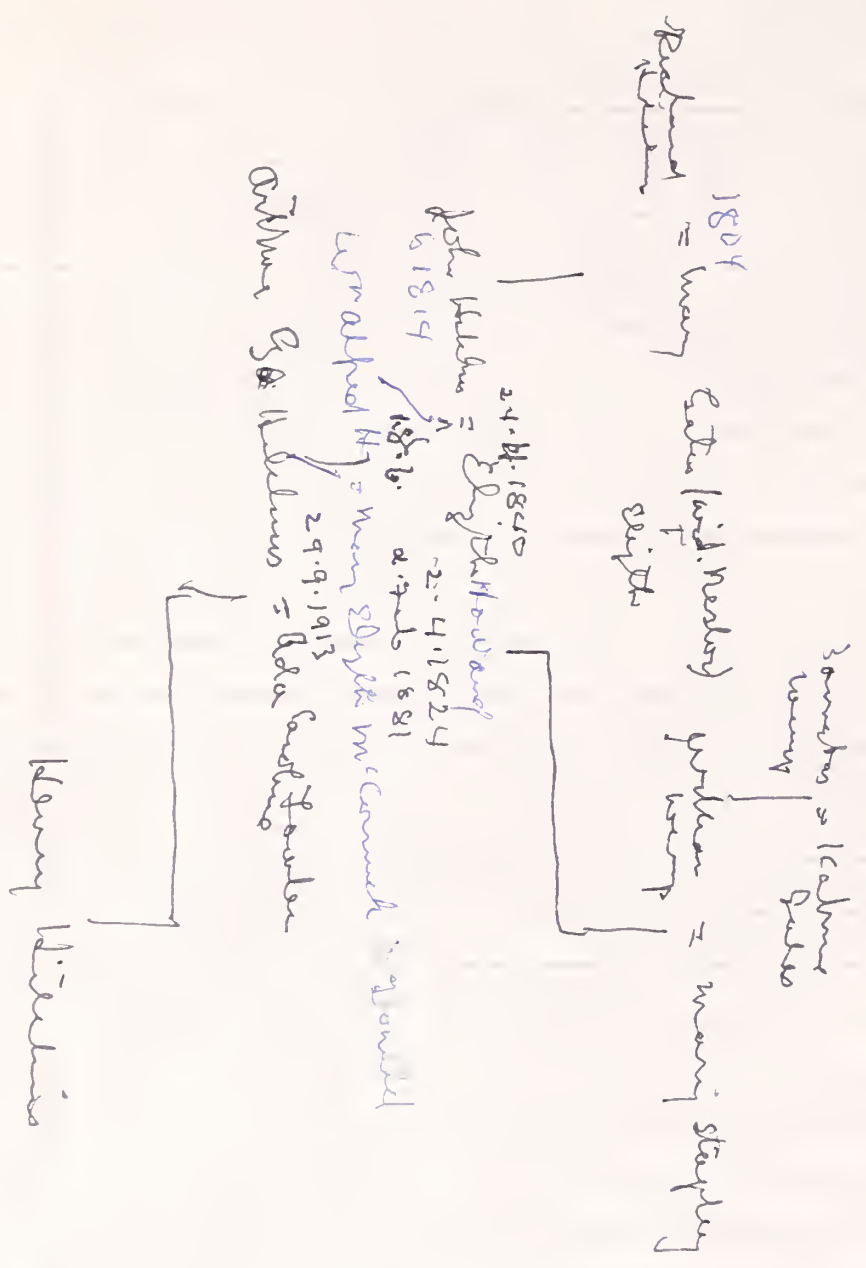
Samuel Glen - Rose Ann Taylor
1810 - 1888
to son 1827
1810 - 1889
1841 - 1837

as Glen = Rachel McCombs
1849 - 1930
1842 - 1929
1/2 sister of Samuel

as John Glen = Georgia Henry (1887 - 1957)
1822 - 1888
23.9.1848

Henry Williams = Anna M. Glen
24.3.1926





Richard Hitchens = 5th Sept 1804 Mary (Gates) Nesher

b. Cornwall, Eng. 1777

b. N.Y. 22 mar 1778

Maria Nesher

b. N.Y. 3.5.1793

Eliza Louisa Elizabeth Gilbert John = Elizabeth Wemp
A.W.Y. b. N.Y. b. Amh. Id. b. Amh Id b. Amh Id
3 June 1807 30. Mar 1809 10 Jan 1810 13 Jan 1812 17. Nov 1814
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Robert William
Preston Howard

William = 18.6.1870
Alfred May Ellyth
11.12.1842. McDonald

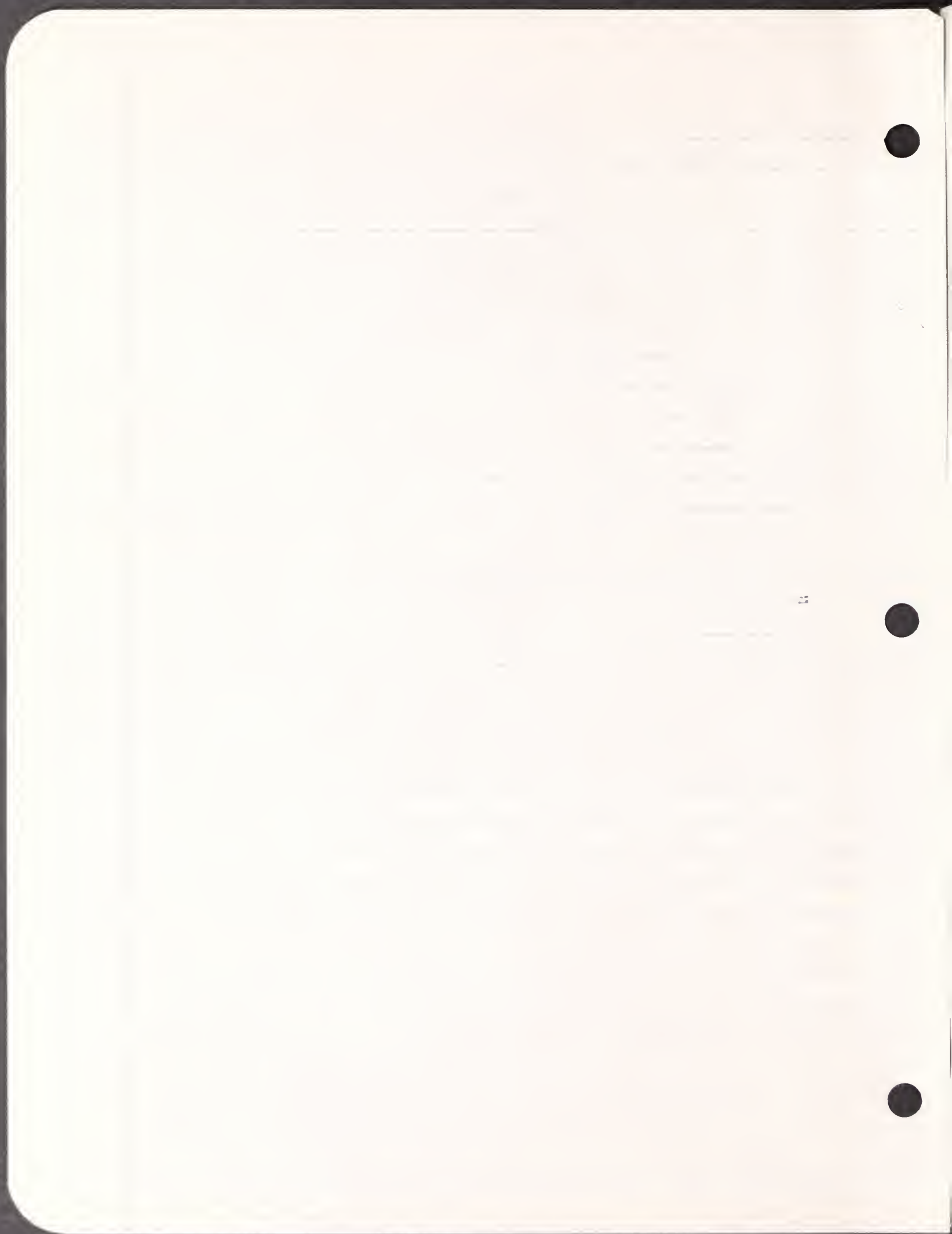
Arthur
Wellington
b. 11.12.1842

Richard
Jr

Arthur Gilbert
8.5.1884

= 7 Oct 1874

Bertha
Instant



Richard Mitchins
b. Cornwall Eng 1777

15 Sept 1804
New York
Mary (Gates) Nesler, her son
b. N.Y.
Mary Nesler
b. N.Y.

John = 24 Nov 1841
b. 17 Nov 1814
Elizabeth Heath Wemp
Belleville,

Elizabeth
b. R.I.
18 Jan 1812

Elizabeth
b. R.I. 10 Jan 1810
d. 11 Jan 1870

Louise
b. N.Y.
30 Mar 1809
30.11.1830
William
Howard

Eugene
b. N.Y. 3 June
1807

May 1834
Robert
Creston

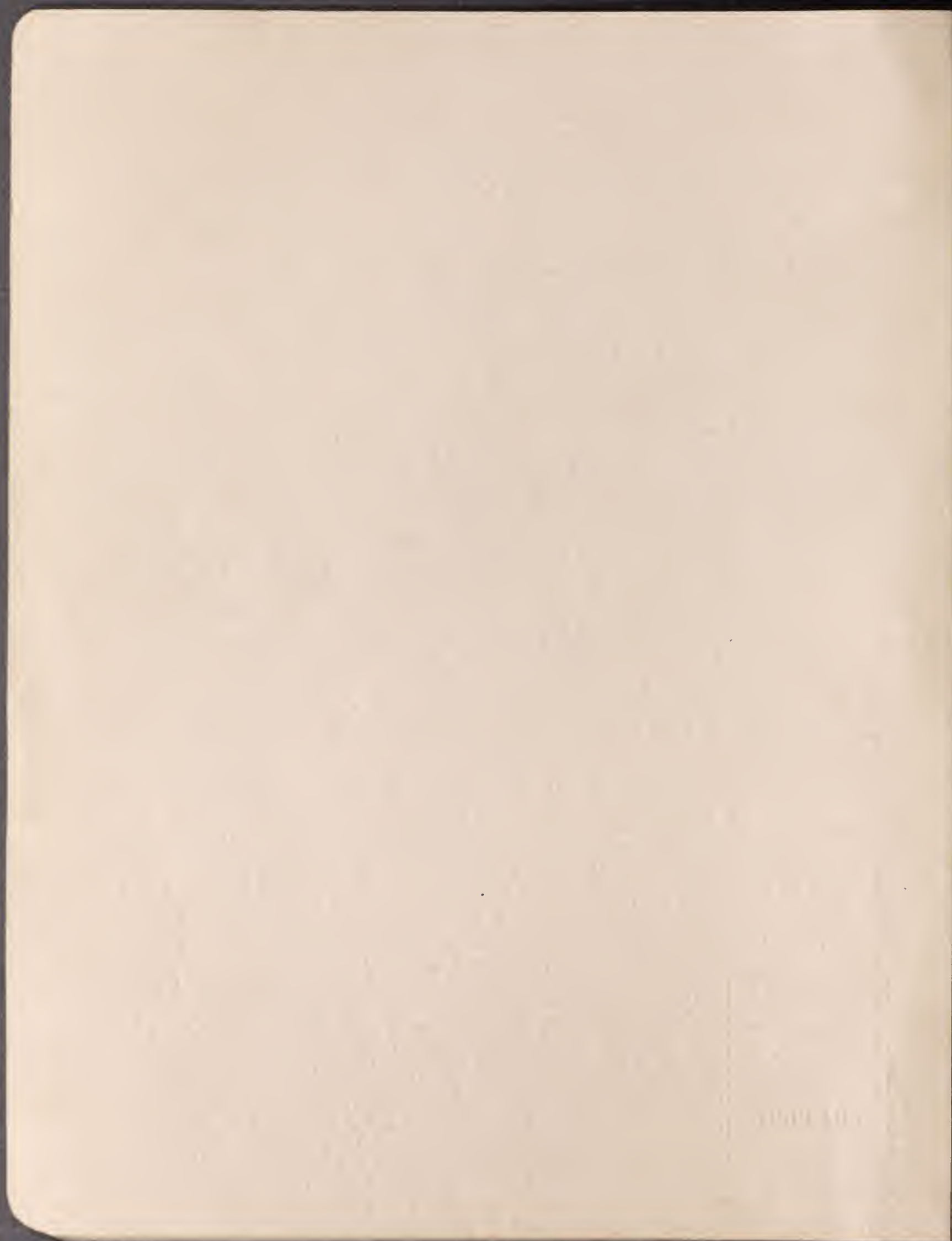
William Alfred = 18 June 1870 A.D.
b. 25.3.1881
Mary Elsie

Arthur Gilbert = 29 Sept 1913
b. 8.5.1884
d. 1 Sep 1973
Oda Caroline
Fowler
d. 13.1.1872

Henry Reynold = Anna
b. 4 Oct 1819
Glenn







Peter Alexander Instant.

An old and highly respected citizen of Amherst Island, died on Tuesday, December 14th, 1909, aged 90 years. He was born in Kingston on Dec. 8th, 1819. His father, Alexander Instant, came from Scotland, to act as overseer in the Navy Yard. He was a ship carpenter, and unfortunately when in his yawl boat crossing from the ship yard to Kingston was caught in a squall, the boat capsized and he was drowned, leaving a young widow and an infant son to mourn his loss. His wife's maiden name was Reynolds.

The subject of this sketch when nine years of age came to live with Colin McKenzie, near Bath, where he remained until he was fourteen years old. He always spoke in the kindest terms of this good old U. E. Loyalist and his family, and of the pleasant and happy days that he spent with them in his early youth. He then crossed the Bay of Quinte and came to Amherst Island, and lived seven years with Squire Howard. In his 22nd year he married Miss Maria Burden, a grand-daughter of Colin McKenzie, and settled on the old homestead fronting on the north shore near Emerald, where by his industry he made a 'comfortable home.' His wife died eighteen years ago. He leaves three children, Nelson, who lives on the homestead; Mrs. McQuoid and Mrs. A. Hitchins. Also seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, to mourn his loss.

During the past four years Mr. Instant had made his home with his son-in-law, Arthur Hitchins, Esq., where during his declining ~~years~~ days he was tenderly cared for by his daughter.

As the church of his father did not exist in those early days on Amherst Island, Mr. Instant became a member of the Anglican church, and continued a faithful and exemplary member of that church to the end.

The Christian man is always a good citizen, and Mr. Instant was no exception. During the troublesome times of 1837 and 1838 he was an active member of the Amherst Island Volunteer Company, and was always a staunch supporter of British connection and British institutions.

The Rev. Mr. Dickson conducted the funeral service, and the remains were followed by a long line of carriages to the vault of Glenwood cemetery that overlooks the placid waters of Quinte to the north and the blue waters of Ontario to the south, a beautiful and appropriate resting place when the long journey is ended.

Stella, Dec. 20.

The death took place, at Emerald, on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, of an old and much respected resident of Amherst Island, in the person of Peter Instant. Deceased had been in poor health for some time. He passed away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Hitchins. He had just celebrated his ninetieth birthday on the Saturday before. The late Mr. Instant is survived by one son, Nelson Instant, on the homestead, and two daughters, Mrs. A. W. Hitchins and Mrs. W. McQuoid. The largely attended funeral was held on Thursday to Glenwood vault, and was conducted by Rev. J. C. Dixon.

Nelson Instant's wife was a half-sister of big Bill McGinnis.

W. A. Brown.



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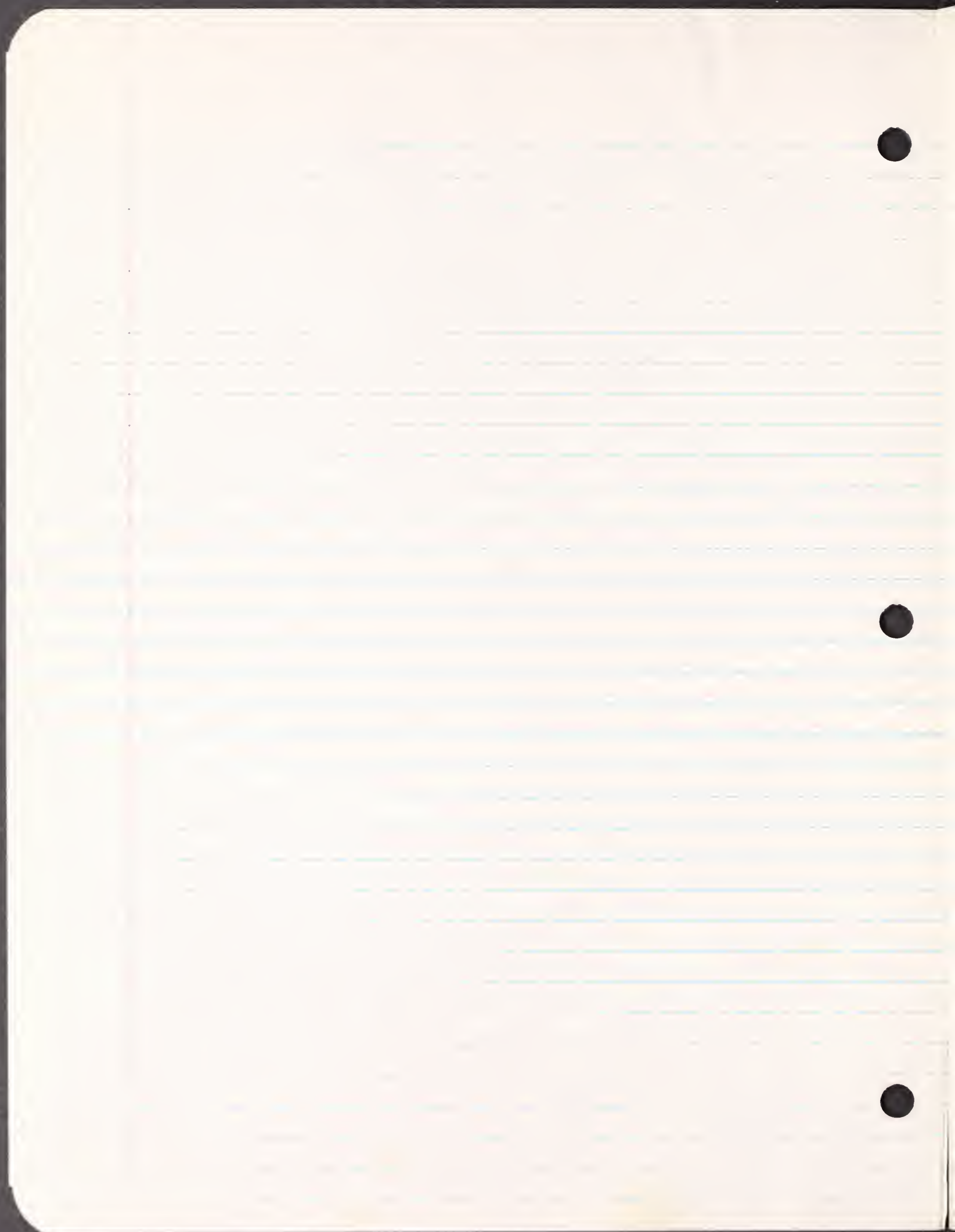
Richard Hitchens was born in Co Cornwall
on 1777 He came to New York, where, on
8 Sep 1801 he married Mary (Gates), called the
widow of a man named Nislar, with a daughter Warr
who had been born 22 May 1776. Her dau Warr b. 3 May 1793

Richard and his wife to Upper Canada, where
Mrs Hitchens sister, Mrs Barney Wemple resided
with her husband a Loyalist Soldier from the
Mohawk Valley. Here he did well financially,
and was appointed agent of the Johnson Family,
and served well until when Mrs. ~~Bow~~ transferred
her Island property to the Earl of Mountcashel

Hitchens continued to reside on his property,
being lot on the north shore of Amherst Island midway
between Stella and Emerald. His children were

1. Eliza born in New York 3 June 1807
 2. Feresa b. New York 30 March 1809
 3. Elizabeth born Amherst Island 10 Jan 1810
 4. Gilbert b. Amherst Island 13 Jan 1812
 5. John born Amherst Island 17 Nov. 1814, married in
Bellenille to Elizabeth Heath Wemp 24 Nov 1841
she born Amherst Island 2 Apr 1824. Died 1.2.1881.
He died 16 Nov 1898
- Children

Mrs Hitchens, formerly Mary Gates, was born
22 May 1776 somewhere ⁱⁿ the Lower Mohawk
Valley. Her older sister, Katherine, became wife
of Barnabas Wemp, U.E., an early settler on Amherst
Island. These sisters are said to have been kidnapped



on 11 Dec, 1779

by the Indians during the Revolutionary War. The older girl became Mrs Wamp ~~about 1784~~ but the younger sister, Mary, was still a prisoner.

The story, as told in later years is given below

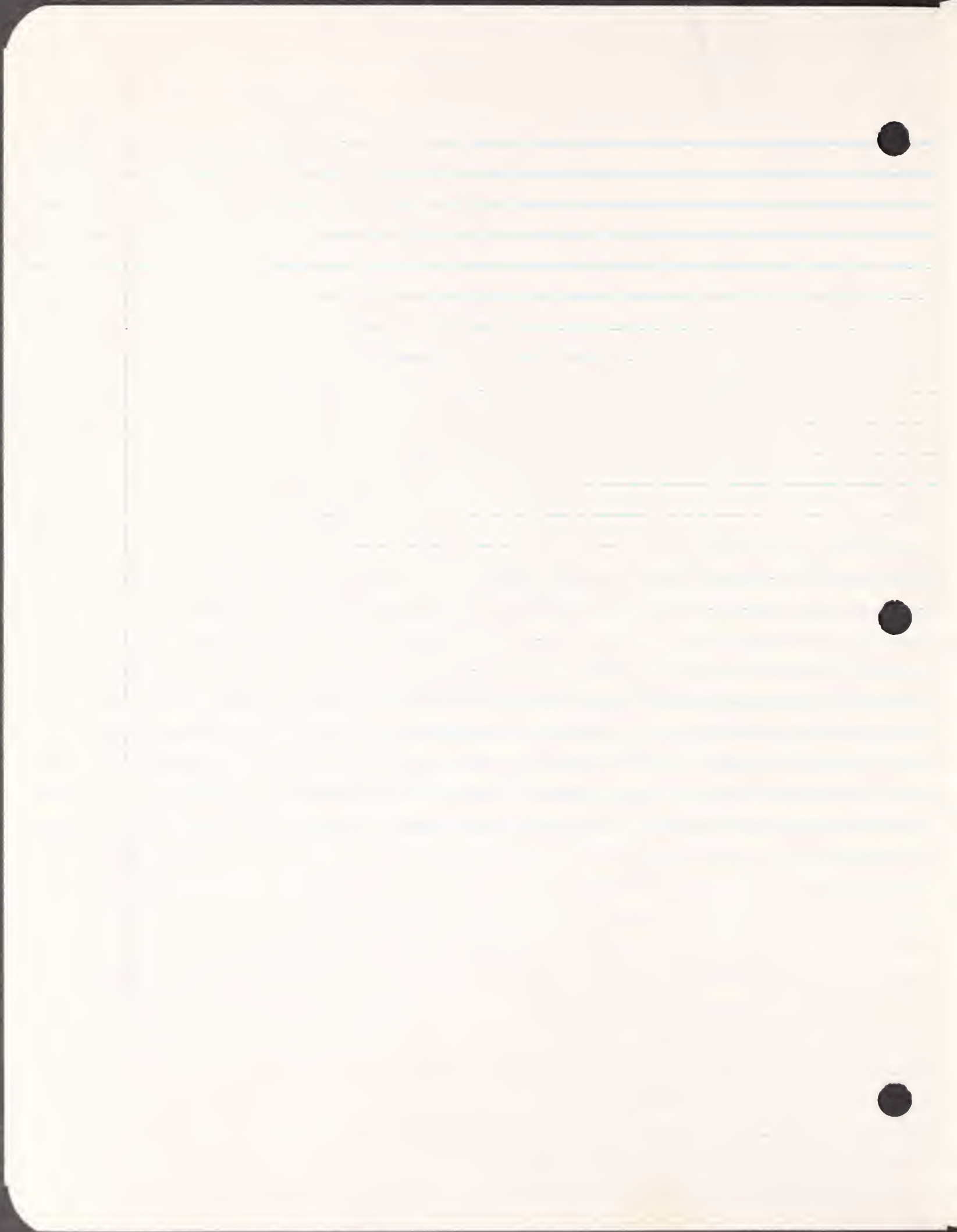
Mary Gale's had an elder sister, Katherine, and in the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War, both girls were prisoners among the Indians. Young Barreut (Barrent) Wamp succeeded in having Katherine given up, and married her (11th April, 1779). He is listed as a Soldier in Col. Guy Johnson's Foresters.

Then when Barreut Wamp tried to claim the younger girl, the Indians refused to let her go and set a guard over her, so one day running his horse into the Indian village, he caught up the child and raced the tribesmen to the fort gate. Soldiers saw him coming and threw open the gates in time to let him through. The Indians, seeing they could not capture him and the girl, threw their tomahawks at him, which were found sticking in the gate posts.

Ethel Hitchins, Mary's daughter, went years ago to a hospital in Kingston to see an elderly great aunt of hers, a patient there, to ask for the correct version of what she said used to be called "the running of the Gauntlet story" (as given above).

Incidentally,
The Wamp Genealogy makes no mention of this incident. I wonder why?

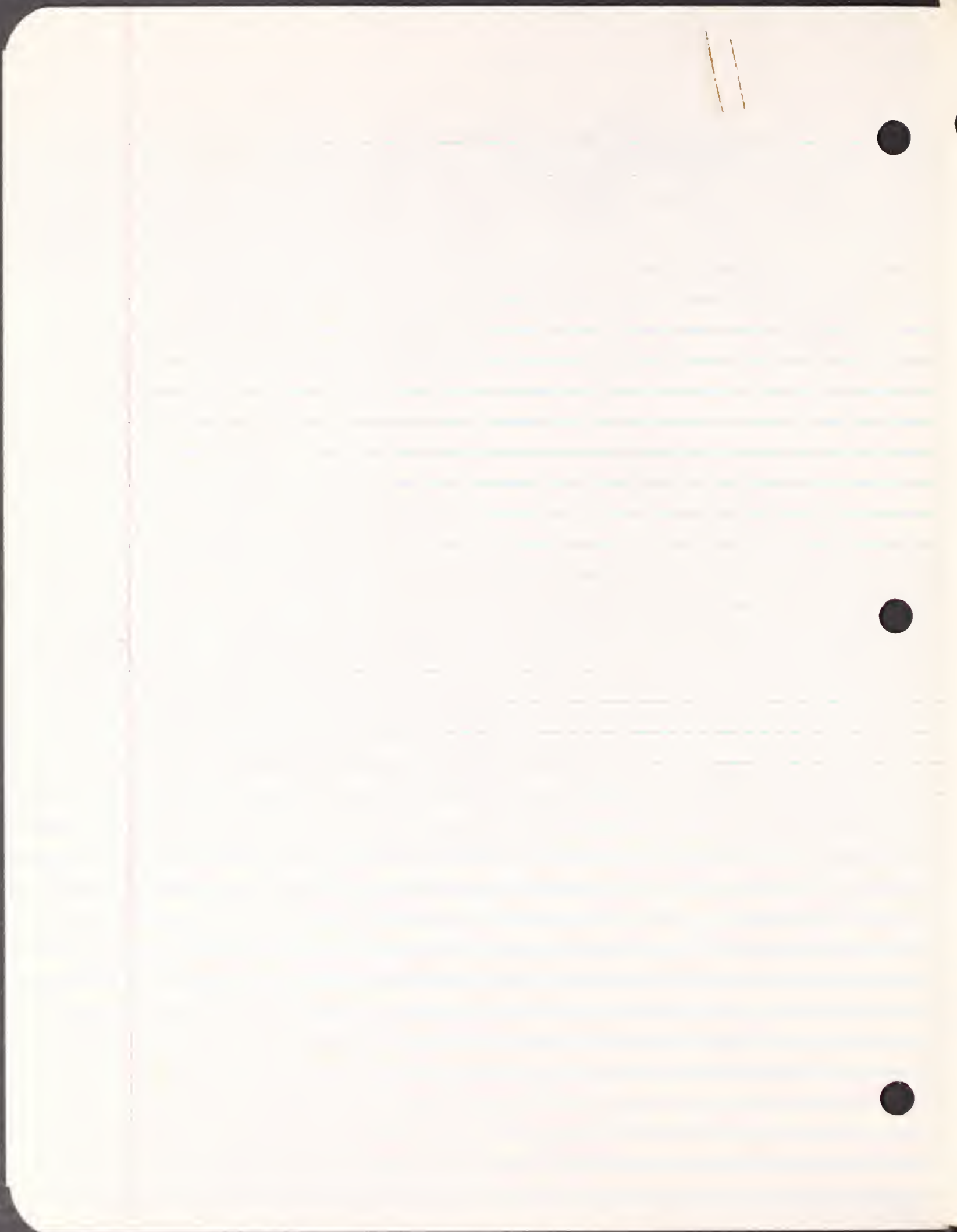
Richard Hitchins and his wife remained in New York until about 1807, when they removed to



Canada and settled on Amherst Island. Being a man of good education, he was appointed agent for Sir John Johnson's family, succeeding one of Sir John's younger sons. He continued to act in that capacity until 1835, when the Johnson's share of the Island was sold to the Earl of Mountcashel.

Richard Hitchens, having purchased lot 18 north side, remained on the Island until his death on 18th Feb 1845, aged 68 years. He lies buried in St John's Church Cemetery, Bath Ont. His wife Mary Gates, had died 18th January 1823, ~~and~~ after which Richard married, second Mary Wemp, the widow of Duncan McDonald.

By his will, dated 12th May, 1843, he provides for the needs of his wife, Mary, as well as daughters and grandchildren. He wills all else to his only son John, including the east hundred acres of lot number sixty in the second concession of the Island, as well as the home lot being lot nineteen on the north side of the Island.



Notes:

From 1823 the absentee landlords were represented by agents who resided on the Island. Richard Hitchens acted for Mrs. Bowyer from 1823 to 1835. Capt. John S. Cumming, Capt. William Radcliffe and John Boyes, in turn, represented the Earl of Mount Cashel. H.C.B.

Capt. Thomas Radcliffe sailed for Canada 21 May 1831 with family to London District in the future village of Adelaide.

Served as Colonel of the Western Rangers, which he raised.

Captured the Schooner "Ann" on 10 Jan., 1838.

After the Rebellion, he moved to Port Credit, where he was a member of the Assembly in 1840.

Moved to Amherst Island, and while rowing a boat, burst an old rupture and died, as the doctor could do nothing for him, at the age of 47. (died 6 June 1841)

He was 6' 5" in height.

Ellie (Gale) married Reginald Fowler of Amherst Island, and they had one son, at whose birth Ellie died.

Thomas A. & William Gale were born on Amherst Island
Radcliffes on the Mother's side.

Gale

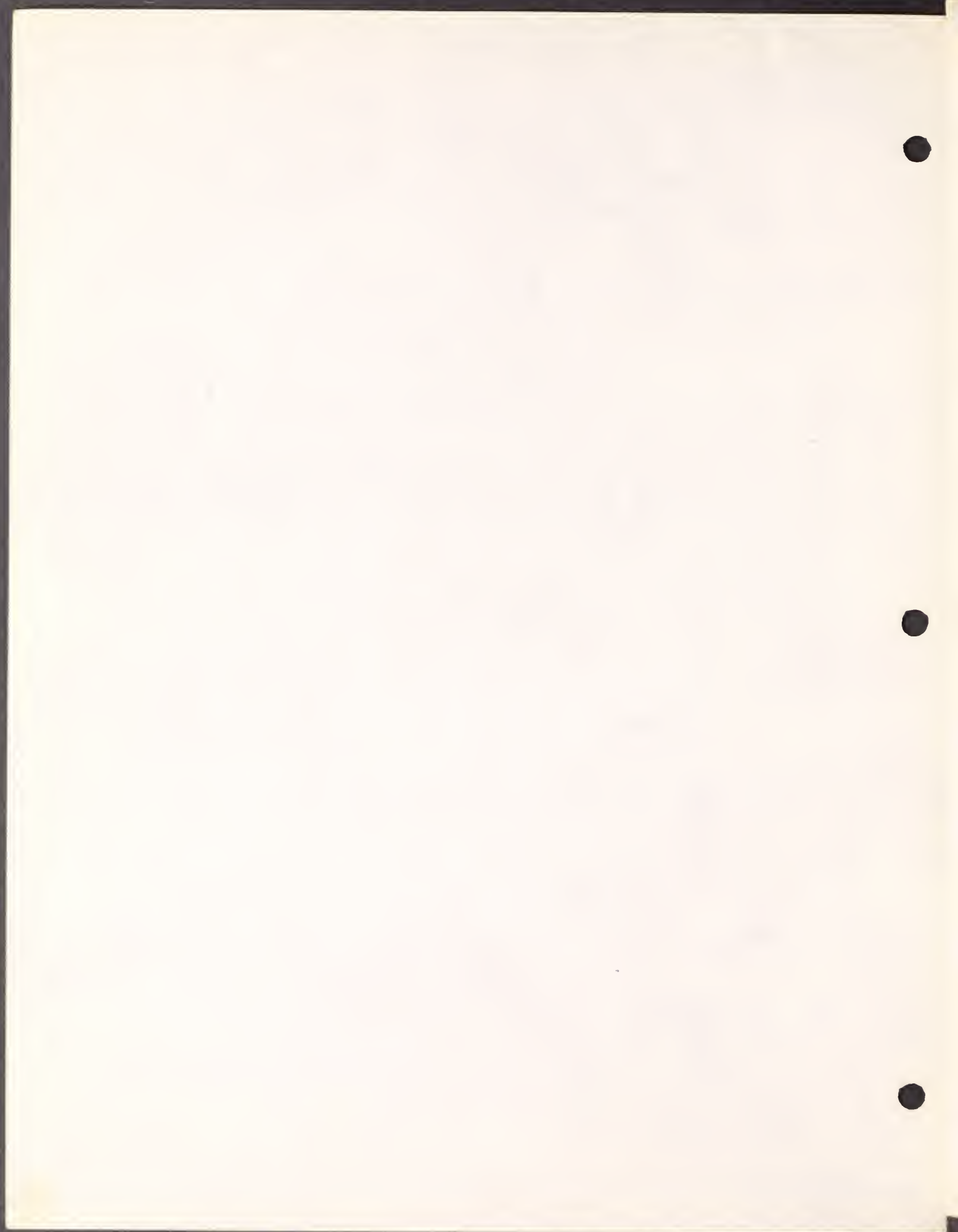
Robert Seake = Mary Radcliffe p. 8

Thomas Augustus

See Art Book

page 8 for

Description of Wind House built for Radcliffe's on Amherst Island (copied).



Radcliffe Notes

abridged from Radcliffe Papers.

Provincial Archives, Toronto. Oct 1970

Dr. Stephen Radcliffe = Miss Smyth
To Ireland ~~with~~ in Time
of William III of Fort Sick Castle, co. Westmeath

Stephen Richard Judge Thomas Radcliffe = 10.1.1876(?)
L.L.D. & Judge of Annie Rothwell 1756
Constitutional Court

Rev John Inverness Rev Stephen Rev Richard Rev Thomas of Clonmethan, co. Dublin
= Matilda Garnett = Matie = Mess b. 1765 31 Oct
Mitchell Symonds & Judge Elizabeth Mitchell of Castle
= 1795

d. 1834 ca 68
Served in Canada
in Revolution in
Emmett's Fort
To Spain in War with
Napoleon. Wounded
at Quatre Bras

Mary Anne Nancy Maj. William Rev John Rev Stephen Col. Thomas = Sarah Ann
1806-1883 1794-6.6.1841 Armstrong

= 3.4.1818
Rebecca Armstrong
1802-1874

Harriet Lucy Dora Sarah Ann George

Stephen
b. 22.8.1841
b. 5.5.1841
= D
Armstrong

Fanny

Rebecca

William

Elizabeth

= 8.11.1852

Frank
Tindale

Thomas

= 27.3.1858

Alicia Sarah
Rothwell

Mary Ellen

To Canada aged 3

b. 24.3.1831

= 14.3.1847

Robert L. Gall

14.9.1809; d. 5.1874

Thomas & William dau. born at
mother's death

